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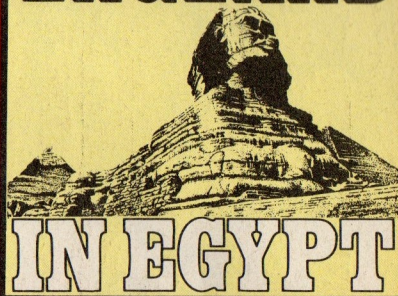
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VILLA'S WEMBLEY DESTINY

**Andy Gray
exclusive!**

Discover why fearless striker Andy Gray (right) is Aston Villa's lucky charm as they bid for a coveted place in the Milk Cup Final — see Pages 2 and 3 for our special on the Wembley wizard.

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Above: Andy gets his first taste of Wembley as he comes out with his Villa team-mates for the start of the 1977 League Cup Final marathon with Everton.
Right: Brian Little scores Aston Villa's winner in the third Final meeting against Everton.

ASTON VILLA will lift the Midlands gloom and win the Milk Cup this season!

And the man who will spur Graham Turner's beleaguered troops to much-needed success is striker Andy Gray.

In an amazing sequence of Wembley successes, the former Scottish international has been part of a winning cup side in his first FULL season with each of his new clubs.

● IT HAPPENED back in 1977 when, following a £110,000 move South from Dundee United, Andy helped Aston Villa beat Everton



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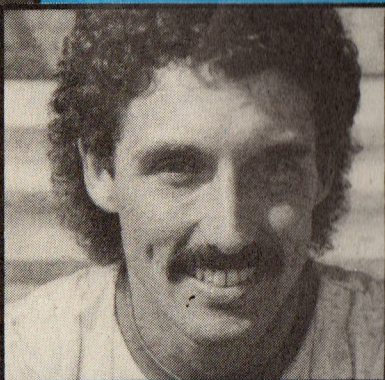
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VILLA'S WEMBLEY

Reporter Anthony Hawkswell investigates the magic of one of football's true Wembley wizards...

Below: John Trewick — "not scared".



MILK CUP RIVALS ARE UNAFRAID

ANDY'S amazing Wembley wizardry holds no fears for the remaining teams in the Milk Cup.

Says midfielder John Trewick, whose Oxford side meet Aston Villa in the two-leg Semi-Final: "We're not scared of his record."

"All good things must come to an end and we're all determined to dump the former Scottish international and his club-mates out of the Milk Cup."

Gary Bannister — "not superstitious".

"It's uncanny, but success like that sometimes follows one particular player around during his career and there's no doubt Andy has made Wembley his second home."

"But we are desperate to put an end to the sequence and reach Wembley to lift the gloom of a dismal first season in Division One."

The former Newcastle and West Brom star's sentiments are echoed by striker Gary Bannister. His QPR side face the awesome task of beating three-times Milk Cup winners Liverpool before they can even contemplate Wembley.

Says the former Sheffield Wednesday and Coventry hot-shot: "Andy is great at getting people geed-up and giving players a belief in themselves. That's one of the reasons he's enjoyed so much success."

"But I'm not superstitious and I don't believe he's got any stranglehold on Wembley. "If we have to play them in the Final, his hoodoo wouldn't bother me. We'd just go out and play our normal game."

Gary is a great admirer of the former Everton and Wolves star and he says: "He's a smashing player. I'd love to partner him in an attack. He has an amazing ability to get the best out of those around him."

to win the League Cup.

● IT HAPPENED three years later when he scored the winning goal for Wolves against Champions Nottingham Forest in the League Cup Final at Wembley and helped pay back part of the amazing £1,469,000 transfer fee which made him the most expensive player in British football.

● IT HAPPENED two seasons ago following a £200,000 move to Goodison Park when Andy scored Everton's second goal in their 2-0 FA Cup Final victory over Watford.

Can soccer's mercurial happy wanderer keep up his amazing record this season with Aston Villa? All the indications say yes!

It may have been a depressing season for Graham Turner's Aston Villa with League gates slumping to an all-time low and the former League and European Champions fighting a desperate battle against relegation.

But their Milk Cup form has been in marked contrast to their League fortunes.

Led by the bustling striker, Villa swept 12 goals past Fourth Division Exeter in two legs, three past Leeds, beat West Brom at The Hawthorns and then accounted for fast-improving Arsenal at Highbury in the Quarter-Final.

Now only little Oxford stand in the way of Andy reaching his fourth Wembley Final with three different clubs.



Above: Wembley wizard Andy snaps up the easiest of chances to score the winner for Wolves after a mix-up between Nottingham Forest's David Needham and Peter Shilton.
Right: Andy, the man with the Midas touch, celebrates with skipper Emyln Hughes and Mel Eves after the 1980 League Cup Final.



And if aggression, determination and enthusiasm has anything to do with it, Andy and his team-mates will be tasting Milk Cup cream this season.

DESTINY!



GOAL! Andy wheels round in delight after scoring Everton's second in the 1984 FA Cup win over Watford. And celebrates victory with fellow scorer Graeme Sharp.



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AS the race for a place in the Mexico World Cup Finals heats up, we state the case for one of England's foreign exiles...

No 5 Gordon Cowans (Bari)



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EGYPT CLASH
BREATHES LIFE
INTO GORDON'S
INTERNATIONAL
CAREER...

GORDON Cowans has 'risen from the dead' to stake a dramatic late claim for a place in Bobby Robson's World Cup squad.

The former Aston Villa star has resurrected his international career following a sparkling comeback in England's match against Egypt earlier this month.

Recalled from his Italian club Bari to make up the numbers for the depleted squad, midfielder Gordon — capped seven times in 1983 — played as if he'd never been away and marked his return with a goal in England's 4-0 stroll along the Nile.

And the fact he has pushed himself back into contention is a mark of his character and determination after the two horrific injuries which threatened his career.

Setback number one came at the start of the 1983-84 campaign when he broke his leg in two places during a friendly in Aston Villa's pre-season tour of Spain.

But the 27-year-old eased himself gently back into contention and last season his fortunes finally looked to be taking a turn for the better when he moved to Bari with Villa team-mate Paul Rideout in an £800,000 deal last June.

Gordon, who won a League Championship and a European Cup winners' medal at Villa Park, said of the move: "It's just the incentive I need to rebuild my England career."

"After so long with Villa, I needed a new challenge to inject some urgency back into my game and help my career lift off again."

But just as Gordon looked forward to a fresh start, fate dealt yet another shattering blow for the 27-year-old.

On his debut for Bari he broke his leg yet again and was expected to be out for at least nine months.

But in typical fighting fashion, he has recovered in double quick time and his form for the Italian strugglers since his return has been so impressive that even the England manager couldn't ignore his claims for an international return any longer.

He says: "Playing for England means everything to me. I was racked with despair when I was out of contention. I must have been horrible to live with."

"But for the first time since Zaragoza I am beginning to feel like the real me again. I don't have any problems either mentally or physically."

Robson himself is a great admirer of Cowans and gave a pointer to his World Cup thinking when he said after Gordon's comeback: "I certainly want to see him again."

"I like Gordon Cowans. He's suffered tremendously but he's over that now and getting back to the player he once was."

"He is one of those players who has caused me a ticklish problem. He's put himself in with a shout of going to Mexico."

FACT FILE

NAME: Gordon Cowans.
BIRTHPLACE: Durham.
BIRTHDATE: October 27, 1958.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Aston Villa.
LEAGUE DEBUT: v Ipswich, Feb. 12, 1977.
LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Aston Villa 275.
INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES: Five England Under-21 caps, eight full caps.
● DOES not include appearances for Bari.

NOBBY'S SON GETS A TOUGH UPBRINGING



Nobby Stiles and son John.

THE sweat-stained shirt, the unforgettable jig around Wembley and that famous toothy grin will be synonymous with Nobby Stiles forever.

While the former England World Cup Final hero will always cherish the memories of that incredible summer's day in 1966, he wishes some people would forget it.

His reasoning is simple. "I want my son John to be judged on his ability alone and not my achievements or reputation," says the West Brom boss.

"He's had enough problems during his short career already without people comparing him with me or reminding him he's the son of a former England international."

Catalogue

A list of injuries which read like a catalogue of disaster threatened to wreck the young Leeds player's career almost before it had started.

Taking up the story, Nobby recalls: "When he left school at the age of 17, John went to join Johnny Giles at Shamrock Rovers in the Irish League."

"I was in full agreement because Johnny is

one of the best managers of young players I know, but sadly for John the 18 months he spent there were frustrating ones."

"First of all he had a hernia, then a bad cartilage injury and later developed asthma. But the setbacks didn't end there. When Nobby took John and his family to Canada, he picked up another injury which kept him out of action for another few months."

"Although he recovered and went on to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the Indoor League, it was a difficult time for him," says Nobby. "But I'm sure he's learned from it."

"He knows how tough it can be in this game and that you have to work hard to be a success. That sort of attitude will stand him in good stead at Leeds."

John seems to be winning his brave battle and the reward was rich earlier this month when he scored his first League goal for the Elland Road club in the 4-0 win over Stoke.

Delighted

It was a proud moment for father and son alike and Nobby says: "I was absolutely delighted for him because the lad's not had it easy."

"But I know he won't get carried away and will keep his feet firmly on the ground. As the saying goes, there's a long way to go."

That's my boy!

TWO of football's proud dads talk frankly about their soccer-mad sons... and their battle to follow in famous family footsteps.

BRADFORD and Lisbon don't have much in common — probably about as much as the supporters of Celtic and Rangers, in fact.

Yet while the home of a tiny Second Division club and the capital of a soccer-mad nation are worlds apart, they do provide an interesting link.

It was in Portugal's famous Estadio Nacional that Steve Chalmers wrote himself into the soccer history books by scoring the goal which won the European Cup for Celtic.

And now, 19 years on, his son Paul is bidding to make a name for himself in the far-removed surroundings of Bradford.

The 21-year-old striker is currently on loan at the Yorkshire club determined to secure a first team future after failing to make a real breakthrough with Scottish giants Celtic.

Although, like father Steve, Paul has always found the goals easy to come by, opportunities to prove his worth at the highest level have so far eluded him.

As his famous dad explains: "It's unfortunate for him that Celtic always seem to be so strong in the strikers department. They've got at least four to choose from at the moment."

"But even though they've paid a lot of money for most of them, it's a little disappointing that Paul hasn't been given a chance because his record in the reserves was excellent."

"He's been the leading scorer for the past few seasons since he

NO ROOM AT CELTIC FOR STEVE'S SHOOTING STAR...

graduated from the Celtic Boys' Club, and last term he hit 36 in 34 games.

"In fact ever since the day he first started playing competitive football for school and local teams, he's always been a prolific goalscorer. He certainly makes a better job of it than I did!"

Unfortunately for Paul, his progress was halted a couple of years ago when he suffered serious leg injuries in a car crash.

"That set him back quite a bit but thankfully he's fully recovered now and still banging in the goals," says Steve. "I just hope he has better luck at Bradford than he did at Celtic."

"I was very happy for him to move down to England because he's very keen to prove himself and the experience should be good for him."

"And I believe he'll probably be a lot better off down South where his name won't mean so much to people and they won't be comparing him with me."

Right: Steve Chalmers and son Paul pictured at Parkhead.



WHAT'S IN A WEEK

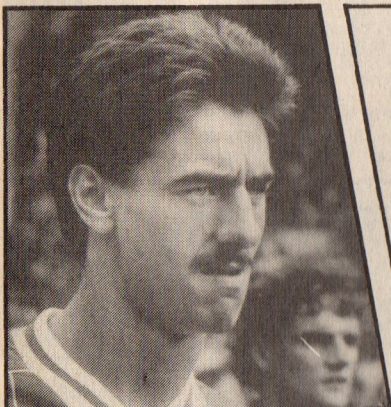
SEE IT, READ IT, ENJOY IT IN YOUR ACTION-PACKED SOCCER WEEK! MATCH PROVIDES A DIARY OF THE FOOTBALL EVENTS THAT MATTER.

FEBRUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 28

ACTION

● **IT'S** derby day on Saturday! Liverpool meet Everton at Anfield while Arsenal entertain Chelsea

at Highbury and with all four clubs enjoying good seasons, the fixtures have added spice this time around. Should be a 'red' letter day for the home sides. ● **ASTON VILLA** might be a 'good thing' in the Milk Cup (see



Shoot-out! Top marksmen Ian Rush of Liverpool (left) and Everton's Gary Lineker come face to face in derby day action at Anfield on Saturday.

Pages 2 and 3) but their League form has been terrible and they meet another team in need of the points on Saturday when Ipswich are the visitors to Villa Park. Could be one worth watching.

● **HOW** embarrassing it would be for big-spending Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson if lowly West Brom — the side he once managed — were to come away from Old Trafford with a point or three on Saturday. It seems that a lot of people want big Ron to fail but Albion may not have a say in his future.

● **DONCASTER ROVERS** give the old Sunday football a spin when they entertain Yorkshire rivals Rotherham this weekend. Should put a few on the gate.

● **FRIENDLY** action on Tuesday at home and abroad as Celtic take on Manchester United at Parkhead while Wales travel to face Saudi Arabia. We know which game we would sooner be watching!

BIRTHDAYS

● **MANY** happy returns to the following stars of soccer: Saturday — Paul Brush, Ian Dawes; Sunday — Mark Goodwin; Monday — Paul Haylock; Thursday — Kirk Stephens; Friday — Trevor Christie, Wayne Clarke.

TV ACTION

● **AFTER** some terrific Sunday afternoon entertainment in the shape of Chelsea v Liverpool, West Ham v Manchester United and Liverpool v Manchester United, the BBC now proudly present... 90 meaningless minutes featuring Israel v England in Tel Aviv! England's World Cup 'warm-up' against the team Scotland struggled to beat 1-0 last month kicks off on Wednesday afternoon. See Daily Press for kick-off time.

PROGRAMMES

● **JUST** one programme fair that we know about this weekend and that's the annual Dagenham FC event, Victoria Road Ground, Dagenham 11am to 2pm.

CAMPAIGNS

● **ENGLAND'S** World Cup footballers and their manager Bobby Robson have joined forces with the Health Education Council in a no-smoking campaign. The aim is to persuade young smokers to kick the habit or better still persuade youngsters not to start. Soccer's stars will be putting their message over this week and in following weeks — right up to the Finals in Mexico.

TIP-TOP EVERTON

IT'S not often that I agree with the bookmakers, but I have to go along with them this time.

They've made Everton the new favourites to lift the title and they certainly look good bets to me — especially now their most influential player is back.

Even though Peter Reid has missed much of the season, his team-mates have managed to keep the Champions in touch with early leaders Manchester United.

He's the first to recognise the efforts of his colleagues and says: "They've done the hard work for me. I'm just here to add the final touches."

"The lads have done marvellously well to close the huge gap United had opened up and we've got to fancy our chances now."

Peter's long-awaited return to first team action came in the League encounter with Spurs at Goodison last month — and he celebrated with a goal.

But his delight almost turned to despair as he recalls: "After I'd scored, I almost handed Spurs the equaliser on a plate. I was so tired that I hit a back pass straight to John Chiedozie."

"Thankfully he didn't take the chance and we picked up the points. So hopefully after a frustrating few months maybe my luck's changed."

Let's hope so — for England's sake too.

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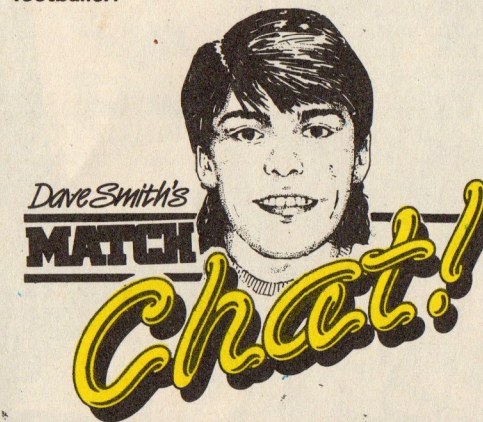
A DOG is a man's best friend — or so the saying goes.

But I don't suppose you'll see many nods of agreement in the Manchester City camp.

And striker Mark Lillis in particular will no doubt insist we're barking up the wrong tree.

That's because of an amazing incident which occurred during City's FA Cup second replay against Watford at Maine Road earlier this month.

Just as he was about to shoot for goal, a dog ran on the pitch and delivered a 'biting tackle' to rob him of the ball and City of victory in the Fourth Round tie. It's a dog's life being a footballer!



Saturday, February 1 to Friday, February 7

● **S**o that's what they mean by a right 'Royals' cock-up! It seems as though the bubble may have burst for runaway Third Division leaders Reading who were hammered 6-0 by Walsall. And I wouldn't be surprised to see Derby beat them to the title now.

● **S**AW just how much Bryan Robson means to Manchester United as their title hopes took another jolt with the 2-1 defeat by West Ham. 'Robbo' had put his team ahead and they looked in control until yet another injury forced him to limp out of the game.

● **M**AYBE it's taking a little longer than I imagined but I'm still convinced one of my early-season predictions — that unsettled Arsenal midfielder Steve Williams would return to Southampton — will come true.

● **T**HE look of relief on the face of Aston Villa manager Graham Turner said it all. His struggling side had just beaten Arsenal to reach the Semi-Finals of the Milk Cup and there was no doubting the feelings of a man walking a managerial tightrope.

● **W**ATFORD winger John Barnes surprised a few people and disappointed a few clubs when he announced his intentions to stay at Vicarage Road — even if he becomes a World Cup hero. But will he stand by that if the Italians start to make their money talk... again?

● **T**HOUGH much of the credit for West Ham's success so far this season has gone to goalscoring stars Frank McAvennie and Tony Cottee, it was about time Phil Parkes got the praise he deserved for keeping the Hammers' FA Cup hopes alive against Ipswich.

● **F**IT and raring to go. That was the headline which must have brought a sigh of relief to every England fan. It referred to Bryan Robson's speedy recovery from his latest injury setback — but please 'Robbo', no more scares!

For the love of Ada!



Ada joins (from left to right) Barnsley coach Eric Winstanley, substitute Calvin Plummer and physio Norman Rimmington on the Oakwell bench.

WELL I'd go t'foot of our stairs!

Yorkshire woman Ada Hewitt must be Barnsley's greatest fan. Who else would pay £100 to watch them play? In fact 52-year-old Ada got more for her money than that...

After taking up manager Allan Clarke's offer to become 'a fly on the wall', she spent a marvellous day behind the scenes at Oakwell.

An invitation to visit the dressing room before, during and after the League clash with Norwich had Ada enthusing: "It was an eye-opener!"

She also got to see the game from the dug-out and, when asked if she'd had good value for money, she said: "It was worth every penny."

In the absence of 'flu victim Allan Clarke, coach Eric Winstanley showed Ada the ropes and he said afterwards: "Although we tried to watch our language, a few naughty words slipped out but I'm sure Ada understood."

● **I HAVEN'T** seen many better defenders than Paul McGrath this season. And in the televised game against Liverpool, the Manchester United centre-back underlined what an improved player he is.

His composure and skill on the ball reminds me of his Eire team-mate Mark Lawrenson. And what a defensive partnership that would be in the First Division. It's just a shame England didn't secure their services before the Irish stepped in.

EIRE RESTORER

SURELY the Republic of Ireland could have found someone better qualified to restore the fortunes of their national team than Jack Charlton?

He's hardly got the sort of pedigree you'd look for in an international manager and his decision to turn his back on football last year also calls his attitude into question.

With a batch of candidates to choose from, it makes you wonder why they plumped for 'Big Jack' ahead of Bob Paisley,

Johnny Giles and Liam Touhey. In fact, if the original votes of the 18-man committee had been taken into consideration, the job would have gone to the former Anfield supremo.

But the result — which gave Paisley nine votes and the other three candidates three apiece — didn't stand and another ballot was held eliminating Giles and Touhey.

The result of the second vote was Charlton 10 and Paisley 8. Confused? Not half as much as me, I bet.

CLOBBERED

POOR Steve Whitton will want to forget the first day on loan at crisis club Birmingham in a hurry.

He'd only been at the club a matter of hours when thieves broke into his car and stole the clothes he'd bought for his month's stay in the Midlands.

Not quite the start the West Ham striker was looking for. Is there still a gypsy curse over Birmingham?

● **SMART** by name and by nature — that's Hartlepool chairman John Smart.

As a racehorse owner, he knows a good bet when he sees one and so when the bookmakers offered odds of 9-1 against his club winning promotion he acted like a shot.

He put £1,000 down and, with Hartlepool well poised at the top of the Fourth Division, he looks to be on a nice little earner.

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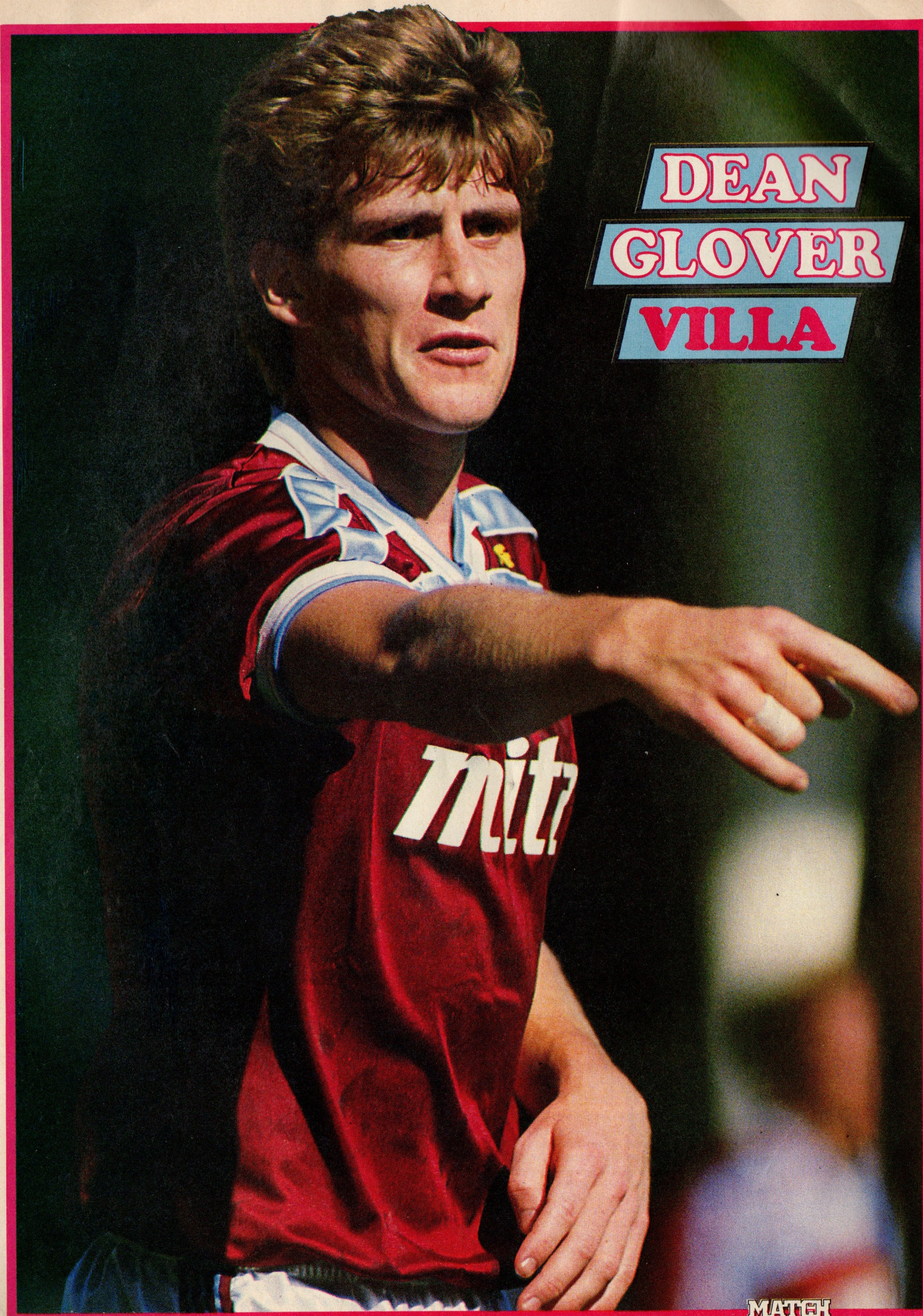
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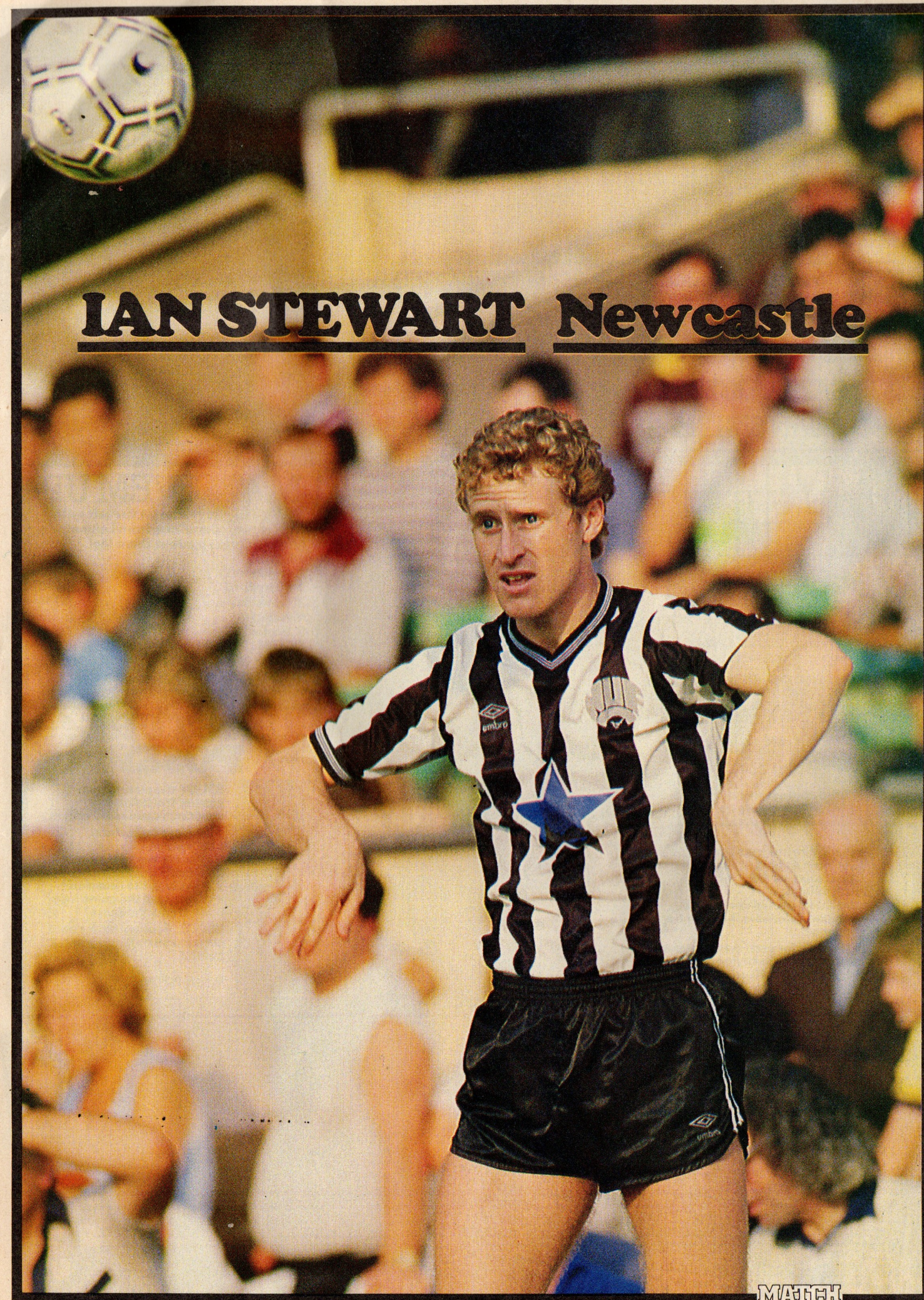
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**DEAN
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VILLA**

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IAN STEWART Newcastle

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CHAIN GANG

STUDY the row of letters below and find the names of ten well-known players — past or present.

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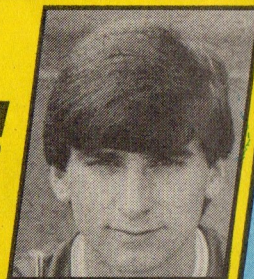
SCORE: One point for each player identified (maximum ten points).

YOUR TOTAL

FOOTBALL'S liveliest quiz and puzzle page — with a top star setting the questions each week!

TAKE ME ON!

SAYS LEICESTER'S
ALAN SMITH



STOP THE ACTION

HERE'S action from a League Cup Third Round replay between Leicester and Aston Villa in 1981. Can you name the five Leicester players clearly visible — and the Aston Villa player challenging for the ball?

SCORE: One point for each Leicester player identified and a bonus of five points for naming the Villa player (maximum ten points).

YOUR TOTAL

Filbert St. foxer...

HOW much do you know about Leicester? Here are five questions to test your knowledge.

- 1 Which non-League club did we beat in last season's FA Cup?
- 2 Who did Gordon Milne succeed as manager of the club?
- 3 Which of my team-mates began his career with Hibernian?
- 4 When was the last time we won promotion from the Second Division?
- 5 How many times has the club lost in the Final of the FA Cup?

SCORE: Four points for each correct answer (20 points).

YOUR TOTAL

MATCH 'EM UP

MATCH up the teams on the left with the correct scorelines from Leicester's home fixtures against them last season.

- | | |
|---------------|-------|
| 1 Aston Villa | A 0-0 |
| 2 Brentford | B 5-0 |
| 3 Coventry | C 1-4 |
| 4 Arsenal | D 4-2 |
| 5 Stoke | E 5-1 |

SCORE: Two points for each correct answer (maximum ten points).

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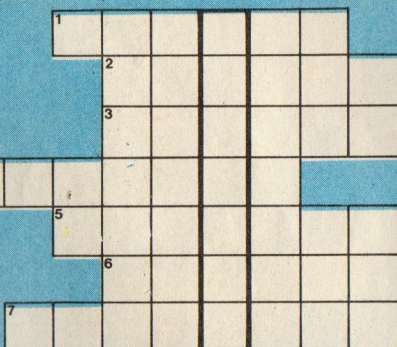
PICTURE POSER

STUDY the picture and answer the following questions connected with it.

- 1 Who are Leicester's opponents?
- 2 Who are the two players involved?
- 3 What was the occasion?
- 4 Where was the game held?
- 5 What was the score?

SCORE: Four points for each correct answer (maximum 20 points).

YOUR TOTAL



PLAYER GAME

SOLVE the following seven clues and fit the answers into the appropriate boxes to reveal the name of one of my Leicester team-mates.

- 1 The 'Gunners' Eire international defender.
- 2 Skilful Scot from Anfield.
- 3 Bury's free-scoring striker.
- 4 Portsmouth defender.
- 5 Aberdeen's international centre-half.
- 6 Former England defenders, Keith or Henry.
- 7 Craig or Maurice.

SCORE: Two points for each correct answer and a bonus of six for identifying the mystery star (maximum 20 points).

YOUR TOTAL

Predict the scores

NOW, just for fun, try and beat Alan at the predictions game. He has forecast the results of five First Division matches.

Saturday, Feb 22	Alan's predictions	Your predictions	Actual results
Arsenal v Chelsea	2-2		
Liverpool v Everton	1-0		
Oxford v Newcastle	1-1		
QPR v Luton	1-2		
Sheff. Wed. v Nott'm F.	2-1		

Fill in your own predictions and see who fares best when the actual results come through.

PICTURE POSER: 1 Spurs; 2 Steve Perryman (left) and Gary Lineker; 3 FA Cup Semi-Final in 1982; 4 Villa Park; 5 2-0 to Bobby Smith; 6 1983; 7 Four.
FILBERT STREET FOXER: 1 Burton Albion; 2 Jock Wallace; 3 Scott; 4 1983; 5 Four.
STOP THE ACTION: 1 From left: Kevin MacDonald, Geoff Allan, Allan Evans (Villa), Mark Wallington, John O'Neill and Ian Wilson.
MATCH 'EM UP: 1 B; 2 D; 3 E; 4 C; 5 A.
PLAYER GAME: 1 O'Leary; 2 Hansen; 3 Madden; 4 Gilbert; 5 McLeish; 6 Newton; 7 Johnston; 8 Andrews.
CHAIN GANG: 1 Paul WALSH; 2 Gary SHAW; 3 Graham HAWKINS; 4 Tony KINSELLA; 5 Roy ELLAM; 6 Frank LAMPARD; 7 Glyn PARDOE; 8 Keith EDDY; 9 Paul DYSON; 10 John O'NEILL.

FINAL TOTAL
HOW DID YOU RATE? Over 70-90 — excellent; 50-70 — good; 30-50 — average; below 30 — poor.

SOLUTIONS

ENGLAND



IN EGYPT



LEFT: Lineker of Arabia! Everton striker Gary Lineker has given plenty of defenders the hump this season. Now he gets some of his own treatment as he hitches a ride on the back of Charlie the camel.

BELOW: The sands of time may be running out for new players to break into Bobby Robson's squad but Southampton's Danny Wallace did his chances no harm by scoring the third goal in England's 4-0 victory over Egypt in Cairo.



Hands up those who 'Sphinx' England will win the World Cup! A giant pyramid and famous Sphinx statue form an imposing backdrop to this impromptu England team shot. Manager Bobby Robson stands over: Back Row (left to right): Dr Vernon Edwards (team doctor), Alan Kelly (goalkeeping coach), Don Howe (coach), Kenny Sansom, Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson, Mark Wright, Gary Lineker, Trevor Steven, Mark Hateley, Danny Wallace, Peter Beardsley and Ricky Hill. Front Row: Glen Kirton (Football Association Press Officer), Fred Street (physio), Chris Woods, Gary Stevens, Tony Woodcock, Ray Wilkins, Dave Watson, Gordon Cowans and Terry Fenwick.



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Other important dates are: March 1/2 — North West England Final and West of Scotland Final; March 15/16 — Midlands and South West England Final; March 22/23 — Scotland Final and North East and North of England Final; April 4/5 — N. Ireland Final and Wales Final; April 12/13 — England Final.

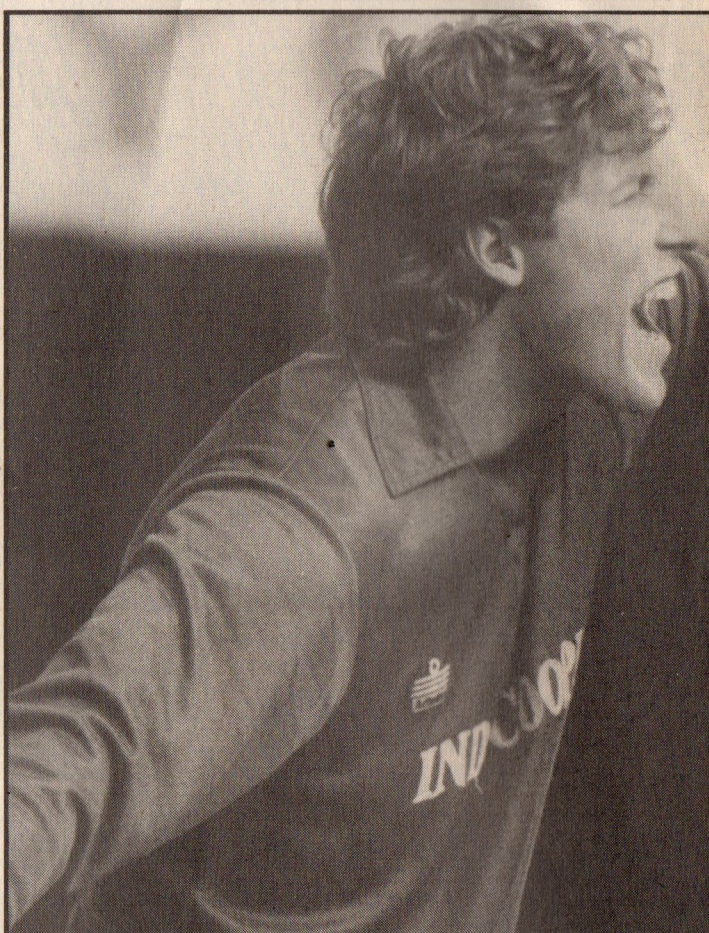
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Below: Ian Andrews — number one.

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THE MONTH



WHICH players kicked off the New Year in style?

Find out in our exclusive 'Matchman of the Month' honours for January.

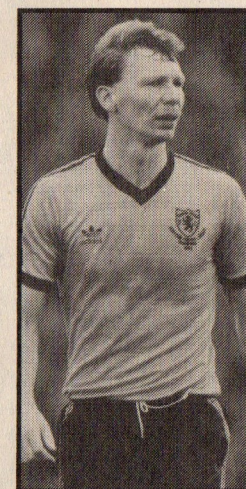
The honours are based on individual player ratings awarded in our weekly 'Match Facts' results service so it's consistency that counts.

See how your favourites fared ...

MATCH ALL-STARS

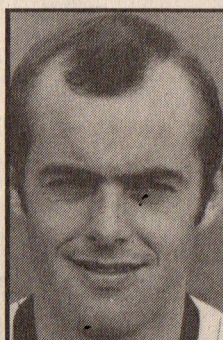
The MATCH all-star team for January — selected from the month's top-rated players.

IAN ANDREWS (Leicester)			
CHRIS PRICE (Hereford)	TRISTAN BENJAMIN (Notts County)	MICKY DROY (C. Palace)	TERRY FENWICK (Q.P.R.)
PAUL RAYNOR (Huddersfield)	PAUL PARKER (Fulham)	KEVIN HIRD (Burnley)	
ALAN WALSH (Bristol City)	TOMMY TYNAN (Rotherham)	JOHN HALPIN (Carlisle)	



Davie Dodds — pride of Scotland.

HANDY



Chris Price — long service reward.



Alan Walsh — City slicker.

LEICESTER'S goalkeeping tradition is safe in the hands of youngster Ian Andrews.

Following in the illustrious footsteps of Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton and Mark Wallington was never going to be easy, but the 21-year-old is coping admirably.

He's been earning rave reviews all season and some are already tipping him to succeed former Filbert Street favourite Peter Shilton in the England side.

And while it might be a little early to predict a bright international future for the Nottingham-born number one, there's no doubting his tremendous potential.

Even though his side struggled badly during January — the Midlands picked up just one point from a possible nine — Ian picked up two star ratings to whip the country's cream in our monthly honours.

He pushed England defender Terry Fenwick into second place and headed a distinguished list of players which reads like a who's who of football.

Peter Beardsley, Gary Lineker, Ian Rush and Ray Clemence — to name a few — all had to take a back seat to the young 'keeper who might be the difference between survival and relegation for struggling Leicester.

MAN mountain Micky Droy is head and shoulders above his Canon League rivals ... in more ways than one.

In topping our Second Division table, the

ANDREWS

Ian's keeping up a fine tradition

Crystal Palace giant achieved the highest average rating of the month — including two nine-star performances.

Micky recently announced his decision to quit at the end of the season, but if he maintains his current form 'Eagles' manager Steve Coppell will be keen to persuade him to stay.

The former Chelsea favourite finished ahead of a trio of players with an average of 8.00. They are Carlisle's John Halpin, Fulham's Paul Parker and Huddersfield's Paul Raynor.

IN the Third Division, Bristol City striker Alan Walsh takes the honours.

The West Country club's leading scorer achieved the same average as Tristan Benjamin and Tommy Tynan but a trio of star ratings during January gave him the edge.

DIVISION ONE

Player	Average rating
Ian Andrews (Leicester)	8.00
Terry Fenwick (QPR)	8.00
Nigel Gleghorn (Ipswich)	7.66
Peter Beardsley (Newcastle)	7.66
Gary Lineker (Everton)	7.66
Ian Rush (Liverpool)	7.66
Paul Gascoigne (Newcastle)	7.66
Tony Coton (Watford)	7.33
John Byrne (QPR)	7.33
Steve Wicks (QPR)	7.33
Mark Wright (Southampton)	7.33
Ray Clemence (Spurs)	7.33
Neil Webb (Nott'm Forest)	7.33
Johnny Metgod (Nott'm Forest)	7.33
Paul Power (Man. City)	7.33

DIVISION TWO

Player	Average rating
Micky Droy (Crystal Palace)	8.33
John Halpin (Carlisle)	8.00
Paul Parker (Fulham)	8.00
Paul Raynor (Huddersfield)	8.00
Tony Ford (Grimsby)	8.00
Ian Snodin (Leeds)	7.75
Louie Donowa (Stoke)	7.66
Martin Singleton (Bradford)	7.66
Billy Aske (Hull)	7.66
Gerry Daly (Shrewsbury)	7.66
Colin Robinson (Shrewsbury)	7.66
Gordon Hobson (Grimsby)	7.66
Ian Baird (Leeds)	7.50
John Hendrie (Bradford)	7.33
Andy Gray (Crystal Palace)	7.33

DIVISION THREE

Player	Average rating
Alan Walsh (Bristol City)	8.00
Tristan Benjamin (Notts County)	8.00
Tommy Tynan (Rotherham)	8.00
Lee Dixon (Bury)	7.66
Alan Birch (Rotherham)	7.66
Mark Kendall (Newport)	7.66
Terry Boyle (Newport)	7.50
Ian Thompson (Bournemouth)	7.40
Nigel Vaughan (Cardiff)	7.33
Kevin Stonehouse (Blackpool)	7.33
David Staniforth (Newport)	7.33
Mick Gooding (Rotherham)	7.33
Colin Methven (Wigan)	7.33
Warren Aspinall (Wigan)	7.33
Mike Hughes (Swansea)	7.20

DIVISION FOUR

Player	Average rating
Chris Price (Hereford)	8.00
Perry Groves (Colchester)	8.00
Kevin Hird (Burnley)	8.00
Dean Mooney (Wrexham)	7.75
Tony Adcock (Colchester)	7.66
Trevor Morley (Northampton)	7.66
David Grant (Rochdale)	7.50
David Redfern (Rochdale)	7.50
Keith Cassells (Mansfield)	7.50
Ray Deakin (Burnley)	7.50
Clive Evans (Stockport)	7.50
Kevin Massey (Cambridge)	7.40
Paul Clark (Southend)	7.33
Gary Walker (Stockport)	7.33

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Davie Dodds (Dundee United)	7.66
Roy Aitken (Celtic)	7.40
Danny McGrain (Celtic)	7.25
Willie Miller (Aberdeen)	7.00
Neil Berry (Hearts)	7.00
Gary Mackay (Hearts)	7.00
Eric Black (Aberdeen)	7.00
Craig Levein (Hearts)	7.00
Sandy Jardine (Hearts)	7.00
Maurice Malpas (Dundee United)	7.00
Paul Hegarty (Dundee United)	7.00

Players must have been awarded ratings in at least three League games for the same club during January to qualify.



Left: Micky Droy — a big month for the big defender from Crystal Palace.

Notts County defender Tristan has been instrumental in the 'Magpies' promotion push while Tommy is still knocking the goals in with remarkable consistency at Rotherham.

Behind them come Bury's Lee Dixon and Rotherham's Alan Birch who are closely followed by Mark Kendall and Terry Boyle — two men responsible for Newport's revival.

LONG-serving defender Chris Price is the toast of Edgar Street.

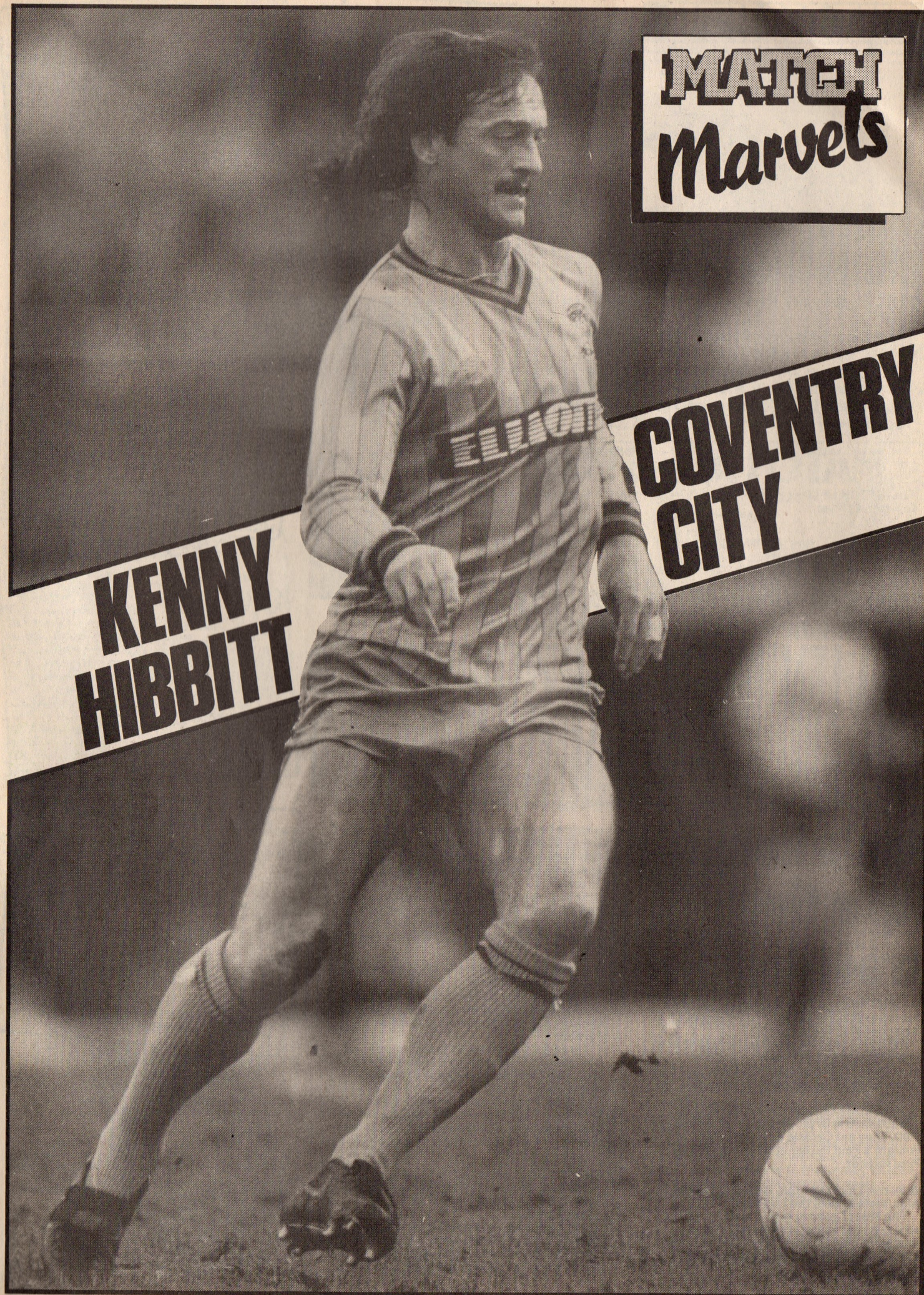
With well over 300 League appearances for Hereford behind him, he's proving to be the club's most consistent player this season.

Three star ratings during last month put him ahead of Perry Groves and Kevin Hird who share the same impressive average rating.

Behind them come Dean Mooney of Wrexham, Colchester's free-scoring striker Tony Adcock and December's Division Four winner Trevor Morley of Northampton.

DAVIE DODDS' return to form has coincided with Dundee United's recent assault on the Premier Division Championship.

The midfielder-cum-striker was the top player North of the border in January overcoming a strong challenge from Celtic tough guys Roy Aitken and Danny McGrain.

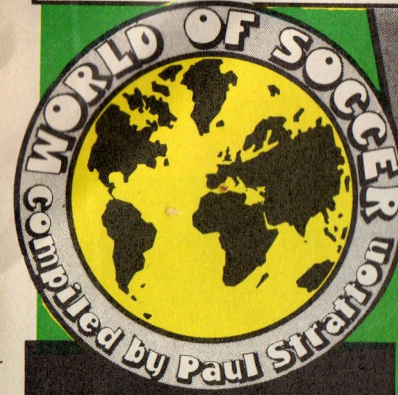


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How they stand BELGIUM (Leading positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bruges	25	17	5	3	54	23	39
Anderlecht	24	15	7	2	58	24	37
Waregem	25	12	5	8	41	25	29
Ghent	24	11	7	6	37	24	29
Standard Liege	24	10	9	5	37	22	29
FC Liege	23	11	5	7	35	28	27

LATEST RESULTS: Club Bruges 2, Mechelen 4; Anderlecht 4, Antwerp 1; Waterschei 0, Standard Liege 3; Waregem 3, Lokeren 0; Seraing 2, Courtrai 0; Ghent 0, FC Liege 0; Charleroi 2, Molenbeek 2; Beerschot 0, Cercle Bruges 1; Lierse 1, Beveren 1.

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris St Germain	29	19	8	2	56	23	46
Nantes	28	15	8	5	39	21	38
Bordeaux	28	15	8	5	39	32	37
Auxerre	29	13	7	9	36	29	33
Monaco	29	9	14	6	43	32	32
Lens	29	12	8	9	27	14	32
Toulouse	29	13	5	11	48	38	31
Metz	29	10	10	9	39	27	30
Nice	29	10	9	10	30	36	29
Nancy	29	12	4	13	37	40	28
Laval	29	9	10	10	32	36	28
Lille	29	11	5	13	41	41	27
Sochaux	29	9	9	11	37	41	27
Marseille	29	9	7	13	34	35	25
Toulon	29	7	11	11	38	40	25
Le Havre	29	9	7	13	36	38	25
Brest	29	9	7	13	35	47	25
Rennes	29	9	6	14	29	36	24
Strasbourg	29	5	8	16	24	49	18
Bastia	29	5	8	16	23	53	18

LATEST RESULTS: Paris St Germain 1, Le Havre 0; Monaco 3, Lille 2; Bastia 0, Toulouse 2; Toulon 2, Brest 3; Lens 1, Nancy 0; Rennes 1, Marseille 2; Strasbourg 1, Auxerre 3; Metz 2, Laval 1; Sochaux 2, Nice 0.

GREECE (Leading positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos	19	13	3	3	38	18	29
Iraklis	19	10	5	4	24	13	25
Aris	19	9	7	3	26	17	25
Panionios	19	10	4	5	29	22	24
Oli	19	10	3	6	27	20	23
AEK	19	8	6	5	27	18	22
Larissa	19	7	6	6	22	15	20
Olympiakos	19	8	4	7	31	28	20

LATEST RESULTS: AEK 0, Olympiakos 0; Aris 0, Iraklis 0; Panionios 2, Apollon Kalamarias 1; Yanina 0, Ofi 0; Panachaiki 2, Larissa 0; Doxa 0, Apollon Athens 0; PAOK 2, Ethnikos 1; Panathinaikos 4, Panserraikos 0.

ITALY (Leading positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	20	13	6	1	30	7	32
Roma	20	13	2	5	29	15	28
Napoli	20	8	8	4	21	14	24
AC Milan	20	8	8	4	19	14	24
Torino	20	7	8	5	20	15	22
Fiorentina	20	6	9	5	21	16	21
Inter Milan	20	7	7	6	25	24	21
Sampdoria	20	6	7	7	21	17	19
Verona	20	7	5	8	19	26	19

LATEST RESULTS: Atalanta 1, Juventus 0; Bari 0, Pisa 0; Fiorentina 1, Como 0; AC Milan 2, Sampdoria 2; Napoli 1, Lecce 0; Torino 0, Roma 1; Udinese 3, Avellino 1; Verona 0, Inter Milan 0.



Meade makes his mark

PORTUGAL: Former Arsenal striker Raphael Meade (left) hammered a hat-trick as Sporting Lisbon beat Académica 4-1 to stay within one point of their arch rivals Benfica.
Benfica kept their narrow lead by beating bottom club Covilha 2-0 with goals from Danish international striker Manniche and an own goal by Covilha 'keeper Martins.

PLATINI'S STAYING PUT

EUROPEAN 'Footballer of the Year' Michel Platini finally put an end to speculation over his future when he agreed to stay with Italian giants Juventus for a further year.
His contract was due to end this season and a host of clubs including Servette, Paris St Germain and Marseilles, were keeping a close watch on the situation.
News of his decision is a terrific boost for European Cup holders Juventus for whom Platini has topped the Italian

goalscoring charts for the past three seasons.
And it may now open the way for former Arsenal favourite Liam Brady to try his luck in France next season.
Rumour has it that Inter Milan's Irish midfield ace has been house-hunting in Monte Carlo — something to which Monaco and Marseilles have both been alerted, along with Brady's old club Arsenal.

SPAIN

(Leading positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	24	18	4	2	55	17	40
Barcelona	24	15	6	3	42	19	36
Athletic Bilbao	24	12	7	5	30	22	31
Atletico Madrid	24	12	5	7	39	27	29
Sporting Gijon	23	8	12	3	24	18	28
Seville	24	9	9	6	28	19	27
Real Sociedad	24	11	5	8	38	32	27
Zaragoza	24	8	9	7	33	28	25
Real Betis	24	8	9	7	30	30	25

LATEST RESULTS: Barcelona 3, Hercules 1; Cadiz 0, Seville 4; Real Valladolid 0, Athletic Bilbao 1; Real Madrid 2, Osasuna 0; Celta 0, Atletico Madrid 1; Sporting Gijon 2, Real Zaragoza 2; Real Sociedad 1, Racing Santander 1; Real Betis 1, Espanol 0; Valencia 1, Las Palmas 1.

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Werder Bremen	22	16	3	3	61	30	35
Bayern Munich	22	14	3	5	50	24	31
Borussia Moen	22	12	7	3	50	31	31
Bayer Lev	22	10	7	5	45	31	27
Hamburg	22	11	3	8	35	23	25
Stuttgart	22	9	5	8	40	34	23
Bayer Uerd	22	9	5	8	33	49	23
Waldhof Mann	20	8	5	7	30	25	21
Eintracht F	22	5	10	7	24	33	20
Bochum	20	9	1	10	38	33	19
Schalke	22	7	5	10	34	35	19
Borussia Dort	22	7	5	10	35	45	19
Kaiserslautern	21	6	6	9	26	30	18
Cologne	21	5	8	9	31	38	18
Nuremberg	22	7	4	11	32	34	18
Saarbrücken	22	4	7	11	28	43	15
Fortuna Dusseldorf	22	5	4	13	30	49	14
Hanover	22	5	4	13	34	69	14

LATEST RESULTS: Stuttgart 7, Hanover 0; Borussia Dortmund 1, Fortuna Dusseldorf 2; Bayer Leverkusen 0, Nuremberg 0; Werder Bremen 2, Cologne 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach 2, Hamburg 1; Bayern Munich 5, Saarbrücken 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Bochum 0; Schalke 2, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Kaiserslautern v Waldhof Mannheim — match postponed.

BRUNO'S MEXICO HOPES CRASH

ITALIAN World Cup striker Bruno Giordano may be ruled out of manager Enzo Bearzot's Mexico plans following a car crash in which he was badly injured.
The lanky goal-getter who plays alongside Diego Maradona for Napoli, broke a shoulder in the Saturday night accident and may not be back in action until April.
His absence gives Paolo Rossi and Aldo Cerena an opportunity to confirm their positions in the Italian attack (see Mexico murmurs).

Mexico murmurs

MATCH brings you the inside stories from the World Cup camps with just 14 weeks to go before the big kick-off in Mexico...

WORD has it that Paolo Rossi is getting back to his brilliant best.
Rossi, of course, was the Italian hero in the 1982 Finals — scoring six goals, including a hat-trick against Brazil, as his country lifted the trophy.
And according to AC Milan's Swedish manager Nils Liedholm, Rossi can repeat the show in Mexico this summer.

Liedholm, the man who has nursed Rossi back to full fitness following a cartilage operation earlier this season, says that a succession of injuries have prevented the player from showing his best form over the last two years.

But the little striker has been in superb form for Milan recently — leading to him being recalled by Italy's national boss Enzo Bearzot.

Brazil be warned!

SO MUCH for the 'life' ban imposed upon Bulgarian goalkeeper Borislav Mikhailov...
Less than one year after the punishment was handed out, Mikhailov has been pardoned for

his part in the brawl which marred last season's Bulgarian Cup Final... and recalled to his country's World Cup squad.
Still, it appears Bulgaria are going to need all the help they can get. In a friendly against East Germany in Mexico they went down 2-1. Biakov scored their consolation goal after 85 minutes.

PORTUGUESE winger Fernando Chalana is, I understand, making a late bid to reclaim his place in his country's World Cup plans.
The Bordeaux star was sidelined for six months after tearing a thigh muscle against Rennes earlier this season, but now he's back in contention.
One of Portugal's successes during the 1984 European Championship, Chalana says: "National team manager Torres has told me that, provided I can reclaim my place and play consistently well for my club, he will count me in for Mexico."
"It's a great incentive to know that he is still keen to have me in his squad."

Hearts

BACK ROW (left to right): Andy Watson, David Todd, Neil Berry, Jim Cowell (now Ayr), Craig Levein, Henry Smith, Roddy MacDonald, Colin McNair (released), Brian Whittaker, Alan Redpath, George Cowie.

MIDDLE ROW: Tom Logan (physio), John Binnie (reserve team coach), Jim Sandison, Paul Cherry, Malcolm Murray, Mark

Drysdale, Mark Cairns, Iain Jardine, Neil Irvine, Sandy Clark, Jim Downie, Brian McNaughton, Walter Borthwick (first team coach).

FRONT ROW: Alex MacDonald (manager), John Colquhoun, Brian Miller, Gary Mackay, Scott Crabbe, Walter Kidd, Colin Scott, Kenny Black, Joe Love, John Robertson, Sandy Jardine (assistant manager).



1985 and all that

- 1 Which player scored both Juventus goals in the Italian club's 2-0 European Super Cup win over Liverpool?
- 2 What was the name of the French club Ian Wallace left to return to English soccer with Sunderland in January?
- 3 What extravagant plans did Blackpool announce for their ground — at a cost of £10 million?
- 4 How many minutes — from start to finish — did it take Mark Hughes to complete a remarkable hat-trick in the 4-0 League win over Aston Villa in March?
- 5 Where was Wales' vital World Cup qualifier with Scotland held in September?
- 6 Which club did escape specialists Coventry beat in the last game of the 1984-85 season to avoid relegation once more?

True or false?

- 1 Denis Law once scored six goals in a cup tie for Manchester City but still ended up on the losing side.
- 2 Old Trafford, Manchester, is the site of the biggest pitch in England.
- 3 The first-ever televised game was between Arsenal and Arsenal reserves.
- 4 Kenny Dalglish was the first person to be named PFA 'Player of the Year' and the football writers' 'Footballer of the Year' in the same season when he collected both honours in 1983.
- 5 Former Sheffield United, Chelsea and Bradford 'keeper Billy Foulkes weighed 25 stone.
- 6 Bill Lampton's career as manager of Scunthorpe lasted three days in 1959.

HOT-SEAT SHUFFLE

- 1 How old was Joe Fagan when he was appointed Liverpool manager in 1983 — 42, 52 or 62?
- 2 Who holds the record as the longest-serving manager of an English club?
- 3 Which boss broke Bob Paisley's domination of the Bell's 'Manager of the Year' award between 1978 and 1983?
- 4 How old was Ivor Broadis when he became the youngest person to manage a League club (Carlisle) in 1946 — 23, 28 or 33?
- 5 Who did Alan Ball succeed as manager of Portsmouth?
- 6 Which First Division club has had the fewest managers since the war?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

2 All four nations tied for first place: 3-29; 4 His first touch in League football; 5 First penalty converted in Britain; 6 Featured in the first ever Match of the Day programme. 1985 AND ALL THAT: 1 Zbigniew Boniek; 2 Brest; 3 To make it Europe's first indoor stadium; 4 Nine; 5 Ninian Park; 6 Everton.
HOT-SEAT SHUFFLE: 1 62; 2 Sir Matt Busby (Manchester United) — almost 26 years; 3 Ron Saunders (Aston Villa); 4 23; 5 Bobby Campbell; 6 West Ham (four).
BLIND DATE: 1 1978; 2 1900; 3 Fulham and Millwall; 4 Telford; 5 1951 — he scored after eight seconds; 6 Naples.
TRUE OR FALSE: 1 True; 2 False — it is Maine Road; 3 True; 4 False — it was Terry McDermott; 5 True; 6 True.
GONE TO GROUND: 1 Eastville Stadium, Bristol; 2 Queen's Park; 3 Largest club ground in England; 4 Northampton; 5 First Cup Final outside London; 6 Parc des Princes, Paris.
ODDBALLS: 1 Smallest League in the world (two teams); 2 The first Football League game to be played on a Sunday took place in January 1974. Which two current Second Division London teams did it feature? 4 Which FA Cup giant-killers won the Challenge Trophy Final in 1983 — Altrincham, Wycombe or Telford? 5 In what year did Vic Lambden, playing for Bristol Rovers against Aldershot, score the fastest FA Cup goal — 1951, 1961 or 1971? 6 The first Final of the Anglo-Italian Trophy was played in which city in 1970 — London, Hamburg or Naples?



Mark Hughes dives to score the first goal in his speedy hat-trick against Villa. See '1985 and all that'.

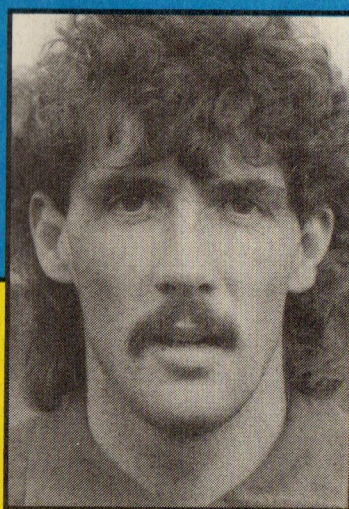
TERRACE TRIVIA



Ian Wallace — transfer tester in '1985 and all that'.

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Tony Coton — special save. See 'Oddballs'.

ODDBALLS

- 1 Why do the Scilly Isles hold a special place in soccer history?
- 2 What was unique about the Home International Championships of 1956?
- 3 How many times was the Scottish Cup Second Round tie between Inverness Thistle and Falkirk postponed in 1979 — 9, 19

or 29?

- 4 What was special about Tony Coton's penalty save in the first few minutes of Birmingham's League clash with Sunderland in 1980?
- 5 How did Alex McCall, playing for Renton against Leith, make scoring history in August 1891?
- 6 The Liverpool v Arsenal League clash in August 22, 1964 was part of an historical television occasion, why?

Gone to ground

- 1 At which South West League ground will you find the smallest pitch in England?
- 2 Which is the only club in Britain to boast two home grounds?
- 3 What distinction did Charlton's former home The Valley hold?
- 4 Which Fourth Division club can boast the longest pitch in the country?
- 5 The Racecourse ground at Derby was the venue for what football event in April 1886?
- 6 At which European ground was the 1981 European Cup Final held?

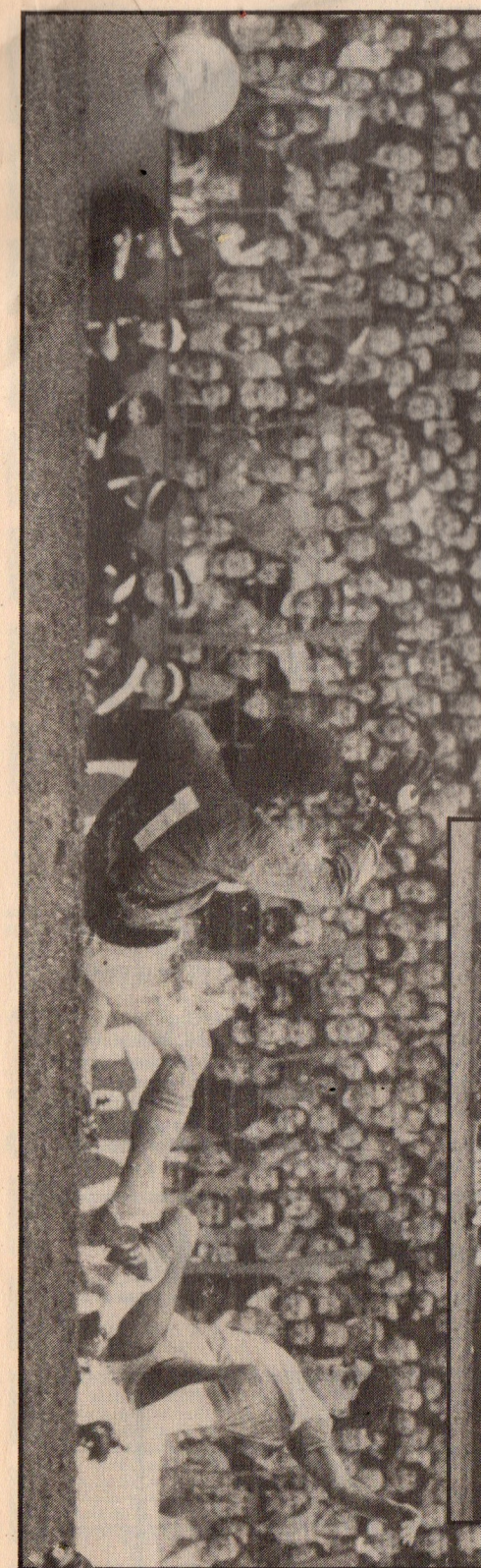
- 1 In what year did Brian Clough become Bell's 'Manager of the Year' — 1972, 1978 or 1984?
- 2 In what year did Great Britain become the first side to win an Olympic soccer

match — 1700, 1800 or 1900? 3 The first Football League game to be played on a Sunday took place in January 1974. Which two current Second Division London teams did it feature? 4 Which FA Cup giant-killers won the Challenge Trophy Final in 1983 — Altrincham, Wycombe or Telford? 5 In what year did Vic Lambden, playing for Bristol Rovers against Aldershot, score the fastest FA Cup goal — 1951, 1961 or 1971? 6 The first Final of the Anglo-Italian Trophy was played in which city in 1970 — London, Hamburg or Naples?

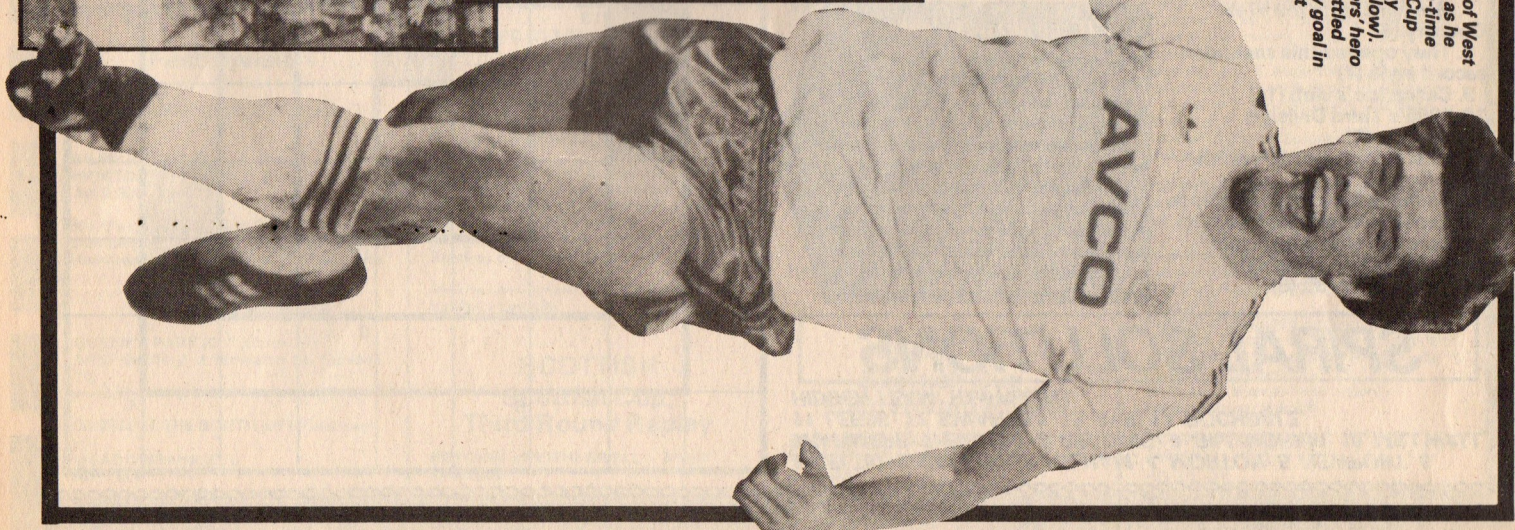
Cup Crackers!

Below: Everton's Pat Van den Hauwe scores the first goal in Everton's 3-1 FA Cup Fourth Round victory over Blackburn at Goodison Park.

The West Brom defence are powerless to stop this shot from Sheffield Wednesday's Mel Sterland (hidden), crashing home in their 2-2 FA Cup Third Round draw at Hillsborough. Wednesday went on to win the replay 3-2.



Delight on the face of West Ham's Tony Cottee as he celebrates his extra-time equaliser in the FA Cup Fourth Round replay against Ipswich (below). And it was 'Hammers' hero Tony who finally settled the tie with the only goal in the second replay at Portman Road.



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PROGRAMME PARADE

VILLA KILLER

ASTON VILLA arrived at Fratton Park in confident mood.

Home team Portsmouth had lost their opening three matches — the latest a 5-0 trouncing at the hands of Nottingham Forest.

And when Villa's Gerry Hitchens gave his side the lead after just five minutes, defeat number four stared 'Pompey' in the face. But winger Peter Harris had other ideas...

Restored to his rightful position wide on the right following 90 fruitless minutes as an experimental inside-right in the Forest debacle, he proceeded to carve Villa up... and so wrote his name into Portsmouth's record books.

With half an hour gone, the

home side were awarded a dubious penalty and up stepped Harris to equalise Villa's early score — beating goalkeeper Nigel Sims at the second attempt.

Six minutes later Harris tantalised full-back Peter Aldis before beating Sims with a superb left-foot drive.

It was the left foot again which brought up the hat-trick shortly following the interval, and when

PORTSMOUTH fans will not look back on the 1958-59 season with too much relish. It marked the club's last appearance in Division One — 'Pompey' were relegated in bottom position with just six League wins and a meagre 21 points to their name.

But the night of September 3, 1958, is one they will want to remember...

The front cover of the programme from Portsmouth's history-making match against Aston Villa in 1958.

5-2 but the day belonged to Portsmouth and Harris who, approaching 33-years-of-age, was nearing the end of his celebrated career.

Born close to Fratton Park, Harris finished his one-club career in 1960 with 479 League appearances and two Championship-winning medals to his credit.

PORTSMOUTH: Uprichard, McGhee, Hayward, Dickinson, Gunter, Casey, P. Harris, Gordon, Weddle, H. Harris, Newman.
ASTON VILLA: Sims, Lynn, Aldis, Crowe, Dugdale, Saward, Smith, Hitchens, Sewell, Myerscough, McParland.

1. European Cup Winners in 1967 (6)
2. Club relegated to Division Three last season (7)
3. London side for whom Johnny Haynes and George Cohen turned out (6)
4. Their home ground is Cappielow Park (6)
5. Club which sold Steve Lowndes to No. 10 and Nigel Vaughan to No. 2 (7)
6. Where Mr Worthington manages himself (8)
7. Grecians from the West Country (6)
8. They opened this season in record style (7)
9. Cascarino's club (10)
10. 1985's Third Division runners-up (8)
11. First British side to win the Fairs Cup (5)
12. Toshack took them briefly to the top in the early eighties (7)
13. Scottish club which sold Steve Nicol to Anfield (3)
14. Spotland outfit (8)



Tony Cascarino — name his club.



Frank Worthington — name his club.

SOLVE the puzzle by entering all the answers in sequence — starting at the top left and ending in the centre.

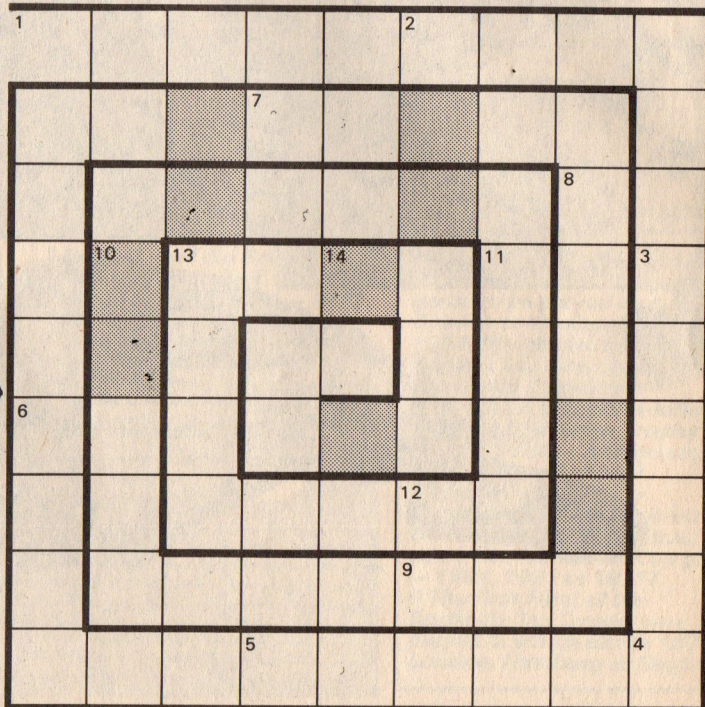
Each answer is the name of a club side and the first letter of each answer is also the last letter of the previous answer.

When you have answered each clue and every square is filled, re-arrange the letters in the grey squares to spell out the name of one of the world's top clubs.

SPIRAL SOLUTIONS

HIDDEN TEAM: Real Madrid.
1. CELTIC; 2. CARDIFF; 3. FULHAM; 4. MORTON; 5. NEWPORT; 6. TRANMERE; 7. EXETER; 8. READING; 9. GILLINGHAM; 10. MILLWALL; 11. LEEDS; 12. SWANSEA; 13. Ayr; 14. ROCHDALE.

MATCH SPIRAL



MATCH Facts MATCH Facts

Saturday, Feb. 8

(Continued from last week)

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

ABERDEEN (3) 4 (Bett, pen 15, Black 29, 34, 53)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Conroy 88)
Att: 11,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 5, McKimmie 6, Angus 6, Stark 5 (sub. Porteous 6), McLeish 6, Miller, W. 6, ★BLACK 8, Simpson 5, McDougall 6, Bett 6, Miller, J. 6.
Clydebank: Gallacher 5, Dickson 4, Given 4, McGhee 4, ★FALLON 7, Aulds 5, Gibson 4, Moore 4, Lloyd 4 (sub. Conroy), Davis 4, McCabe 5.
Referee: K. Hope (Clarkston)
Match Rating: ★★

CELTIC (0) 1 (Burns 47)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Clarke 75)
Att: 18,102
Celtic: Latchford 6, McGrain 5, ★BURNS 8, Aitken 6, O'Leary 5, MacLeod 5, McClair 4, McGarvey 4, Gallagher 4, Speirs 5.
Referee: M. Delaney (Clelland)
Match Rating: ★★

St Mirren: Money 7, Hamilton 5 (sub. Wilson), Abercromby 6, ★CLARKE 8, Godfrey 5, Cooper 7, Fitzpatrick 7, Winnie 4, McGarvey 4, Gallagher 4, Speirs 5.
Referee: M. Delaney (Clelland)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 4 (Bannon, pen 21, Coyne 50, 60, Gallacher 83)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att: 8,504

Dundee Utd: Thomson 6, Gough 6 (sub. Holt), Malpas 7, Narey 7, Hegarty 6, Redford 7, ★GALLACHER 8, Dadds 6, Coyne 6, Stirrrock 6, Bannon 6.
Hibs: ★ROUGH 9, Hunter 5, Munro 6, Sneddon 6, Chisholm 6, Fulton 5, Kane 5, May 5, Cowan 6, Collins 6 (sub. Rae 5), Harris 5 (sub. Tortolano 5).
Referee: A. Roy (Aberdeen)
Match Rating: ★★

HEARTS (1) 3 (Colquhoun 21, Robertson 60, Mackay 68)

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Mennie 9)
Att: 15,365
Hearts: Smith 6, Kidd 7, Whittaker 7, Berry 7, Jardine, S. 7, MacDonald 6, Colquhoun 7, Mackay 7, Clark 7, ★BLACK 8, Robertson 7.

Dundee: Geddes 7, Smith 6, McKinlay 5 (sub. McWilliams 4), Forsyth 5, Glennie 5, ★DOUFFY 8, Hendrick 5, Brown 5 (sub. McCormack 5), Mennie 6, Connor 6, Harvey 6.
Referee: D. Yates (Perth)
Match Rating: ★★

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Walker 41)
RANGERS (0) 0
Att: 11,619

Motherwell: Gardiner 7, McCart 6, Dornan 7, Baptie 6, ★FORBES 8, Boyd 7, Doyle 5, MacLeod 6, Harrow 5 (sub. Murray), Reilly 5, Walker 5 (sub. Gahagan).
Rangers: Walker 7, ★BURNS 8, Dawson 5, McPherson 4, Paterson 7, Johnstone 5, McCoist 4, McMinn 4, Williamson 4 (sub. Ferguson 4), Bell 4, Cooper 4.
Referee: A. Waddell (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

CLYDE (0) 0
FALKIRK (2) 2 (Irvine 4, McCormack 27)
Att: 1,000

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Clarke 59)
MORTON (1) 1 (Clinging 26)
Att: 2,300

Matches postponed: Brechin v Montrose; Dumfries v Ayr; Forfar v Airdrie; Hamilton v Alloa; Partick v East Fife.

Second Division

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Caven 81)
ARBROATH (2) 2 (McWalter 15, Torrance 25)
Att: 699

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Cloy, pen 85)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
Att: 1,600

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Matches postponed: Albion Rovers v Dunfermline; Cowdenbeath v Stranraer; Raith v East Stirling; St Johnstone v Stenhousemuir; Stirling Albion v Berwick.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Division One

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Wark 40)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Gibson, C. 15)
Att: 35,084

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Lee 7, Beglin 7, Lawrenson 7, Whelan 6, ★HANSEN 9, Walsh 7 (sub. Wark 6), Johnston 8, Rush 6, Molby 6, Gillespie 6.
Man Utd: ★TURNER 9, Gidman 6, Albiston 7, Whiteside 6, McGrath 7, Moran 6, Sivebaek 5, Gibson, T. 5, Hughes 6, Gibson, C. 7, Olsen 6 (sub. Stapleton).
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

WALSALL (1) 1 (Naughton 22)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Holmes 10)
Att: 10,480

Walsall: Cherry 7, Gunn 7, Mower 6, ★SHAKESPEARE 8, Brazier 5, Hart 5, Taylor 5, Cross 6, O'Kelly 6, Elliott 6 (sub. Rees 5), Naughton 6.

Wolves: ★BARRETT 8, Palmer 6, Herbert 5, Streete 6, Zelem 5, Cartwright 6, Eli 5, Holmes 6, Purdie 6, Edwards 4, Chapman 6.
Referee: M. Reed (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, Feb. 10

Freight Rover Trophy, Northern Section

PORT VALE (0) 3 (Maguire 57, Hunter 72, Jones 80)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Thomson 22)
Att: 1,569

Port Vale: Arnold 6, Webb 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 7, Williams, J. 7, Williams, O. 7, Earle 6, ★JONES 8, Banks 6, Maguire 7.

Blackpool: O'Rourke 6, Moore 6, Law 6, ★DEARY 7, Hetzke 6, Greenall 6, Davis 6, Ronson 6, Stewart 6, Thomson 6, Dyer 6.
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

Sending off: Hetzke (Blackpool)

Matches postponed: Bury v Tranmere; Halifax v Lincoln.

SCOTTISH

Scottish Cup, Third Round Replay

BRECHIN v MOTHERWELL — Match postponed

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Milk Cup, Semi-Final, First Leg

QPR (1) 1 (Fenwick 25)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att: 15,051
QPR: Barron 7, McDonald 7, Dawes 6, Neill 6, Wicks 8, Fenwick 8, ★ALLEN 9, James 6, Bannister 6, Byrne 7, Fereday 6.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Lee 6, Beglin 7, ★LAWRENSEN 8, Whelan 7, Hansen 6, Wark 7, Johnston 7, Rush 6, Molby 5, Seagraves 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Scottish Cup, Third Round Replay

MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Doyle 16, Wright, pen 86)
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att: 1,156

First Division

CLYDE v PARTICK — Match postponed

Second Division

Matches postponed: Cowdenbeath v St Johnstone; Meadowbank v Dunfermline; Stenhousemuir v East Stirling; Stirling v Raith.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Freight Rover Trophy Northern Section

BURNLEY v DARLINGTON — Match postponed

Southern Section

Matches postponed: Reading v Orient; Swindon v Hereford.

Welsh Cup, Fifth Round

SWANSEA 1 (Foley)
KIDDERMINSTER 1 (Casey)

Friday, Feb. 14

Division Four

Matches postponed: Scunthorpe v Exeter; Southend v Halifax.

Saturday, Feb. 15

FA Cup, Fifth Round

LUTON (2) 2 (Hill 9, Harford 40)
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Allinson 16, Rocastle 27)
Att: 15,799

Luton: Sealey 6, Johnson 6, Thomas 7, Nicholas 7, Foster 7, Donaghy 6, ★HILL 8, Stein 5 (sub. Parker), Harford 7, North 7, Preece 7.

Arsenal: Lukic 6, Anderson 6, Sansom 7, Williams 5, O'Leary 6, Keown 7, Allinson 7, Rocastle 7, Nicholas 6 (sub. Mariner), Woodcock 7, ★RIX 8.

Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Shepherd 73, Kelly 77)

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Saunders 75, Jacobs 82)
Att: 15,812

Peterborough: Astbury 6, Paris 6, Pike 7, Cassidy 6, Wile 7, Slack 7, Kowalski 6, Fuccillo 6, Kelly 7, ★SHEPHERD 8, Worrall 6.

Brighton: Digweed 6, Hutchings 7, Pearce 6, Wilson 7, Young 6, O'Reilly 6, Saunders 7, ★PENNEY 8, Fashanu 6 (sub. Jacobs 7), Connor 6, Mortimer 7.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 0
Att: 16,356

MATCH Facts MATCH Facts

Southampton: Shilton 6, Baker 5 (sub. Lawrence), Dennis 6, ★CASE 8, Wright 7, Bond 7, Holmes 6, Cockerill 7, Moran 6, Armstrong 7, Wallace 6.
Millwall: Sansome 7, Stevens 6, Hinshelwood 7, Briley 6, Walker 7, ★MCLEARY 8, Lowndes 5, Wilson 6, Fashanu 7, Lovell 6, Otulakowski 7.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

YORK (0) 1 (Ford 60)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Molby, pen 64)
Att: 12,443
York: Leaning 7, Senior 6, Hood 7, McLaughtrie 7, ★MacPHAIL 8, Mills 7, Ford 7, Banton 6, Walwyn 6, Haslegrave 6, Canham 6.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Lee 7, Beglin 6, Lawrenson 7, Wark 6, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Johnston 6, Rush 7, ★MOLBY 8, Seagraves 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★

Matches postponed: Derby v Sheffield Wednesday; Watford v Bury; West Ham v Manchester United.

Division One

NEWCASTLE v ASTON VILLA — Match postponed

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Keeley 72)
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Gray 24, Wright 84)
Att: 4,825

Blackburn: Gennoe 5, Branagan 5, Rathbone 5, ★BARKER 7, Keeley 5, Fazackerley 6 (sub. Patterson 5), Miller 6, Hamilton 6, Quinn 5, Garner 5, Ainscow 6.
Crystal Palace: Wood 5, O'Doherty 6, Brush 6, Taylor 6, Droy 7, ★CANNON 8, Irvine 7, Finnigan 6 (sub. Wright), Gray 7, Barber 6, Sparrow 6.
Referee: G. Aplin (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 0
BARNLEY (0) 2 (Walsh 61, 89)
Att: 11,765

Leeds: Day 6, Stiles 6, Robinson 6, ★SNODIN 7, Aspin 6, Rennie 6, Ritchie 5, Swan 5, Baird 5, Hamson 5, Harle 5 (sub. Phelan 6).
Barnley: Baker 6, Burns 6, ★GRAY 8, Thomas 7, May 7, Furst 7, Owen 6, Jonsson 7, Walsh 7, Hirst 7 (sub. Campbell), Cross 6.
Referee: L. Dilkes (Mossley)
Match Rating: ★★

Matches postponed: Carlisle v Huddersfield; Fulham v Charlton; Hull v Shrewsbury; Middlesbrough v Grimsby; Norwich v Sunderland; Sheffield United v Bradford; Wimbledon v Stoke.

Division Three

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Douglas 81)
Att: 4,827

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Referee: I. Hemley (Amphill)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Smith 7, Tynan 50, Birch 71)
WALSALL (0) 0
Att: 3,512
Rotherham: O'Hanlon 6, Barnsley 6, Dungworth 6, Gooding 7, Smith 7, Pickering 7, ★BIRCH 8, Emerson 6, Tynan 7, Trusson 7, Pugh 7.
Walsall: Cherry 5, Gunn 5, Mower 5, Shakespeare 6, Brazier 7, ★HART 8, Taylor 6 (sub. Childs 7), Cross 6, Kelly 6, Elliott 5, Naughton 6.
Referee: J. Ashworth (Luffenham)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (2) 3 (Kelly 18, Aspinall 23, Griffiths 80)
GILLINGHAM (2) 3 (Elsey 10, Weatherley 31, Mehmet 84)
Att: 5,017

Wigan: Tunks 7, Butler 6, Knowles 6, ★KELLY 8, Cribble 6, Methven 6, Lowe 7, Barrow 6, Aspinall 7, Langley 6, Griffiths 6.
Gillingham: Hilliard 6, Sage 6, ★ELSEY 8, Oakes 6, Weatherley 7, Hinnigan 7, Cochran 6, Hales 6 (sub. Mehmet), Shearer 6, Collins 7, Cascarino 6.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

Matches postponed: Blackpool v Bournemouth; Bristol Rovers v Wolves; Darlington v Chesterfield; Lincoln v Bolton; Reading v Brentford.

Division Four

CHESTER (1) 1 (Richardson, pen 11)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Taylor 47)
Att: 2,232

Chester: Butcher 6, Greenough 6, Lane 7, Wright 6, Abel 7, ★COY 8, Kelly 6, Graham 6, Richardson 6, Houghton 6, Bennett 7.
Rochdale: Redfern 6, Johnson 6, Grant 6, ★MCMAHON 8, Carney 6, Hicks 6, Gamble 6, Taylor 7, Moore 6, Reid 6, Mossman 6.
Referee: G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Kent 85)
Att: 3,713

Orient: Wells 7, Sittion 6, Dickenson 6, Mountford 6, ★FOSTER 8, Corbett 5, Castle 6, Brooks 5, Shimmers 6, Jones 5 (sub. Cornwell 6), Juryeff 7.
Mansfield: Hitchcock 8, Graham 7, Garner 6, Lowery 7, Foster 7, Pollard 7, ★KENT 9, Whatmore 7, Chamberlain 8, Robinson 6, Kearney 6.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Muir 60)
WREXHAM (1) 3 (Comstive 15, Charles 47, Steel 80)
Att: 1,793

Tranmere: Adkins 5, Mungall 6, Williams 6, Hughes 5, ★RODAWAY 7, Edwards 5, Morrissey 5, Train 5 (sub. Miller 6), Worthington 5, Muir 6, Anderson 5.
Wrexham: Ferguson 7, Salathiel 6, Cunningham 6, Keay 6, Jones 6, Comstive 7, Hencher 6 (sub. Edwards), ★HORNE 8, Steel 6, Charles 6, Gregory 6.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

Matches postponed: Burnley v Preston; Cambridge v Colchester; Hereford v Stockport; Northampton v Hartlepool; Port Vale v Aldershot; Swindon v Crewe.

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Fourth Round

ARBROATH (0) 0
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Miller, J. 47)
Att: 6,017

CELTIC (0) 2 (McClair 54, Aitken 62)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Boyle, pen 50)
Att: 11,656

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Sturrock 50)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Bryson 74)
Att: 6,610

Matches postponed: Alloa v Motherwell; Dundee v Airdrie; Hamilton v Hearts; St Mirren v Falkirk.

First Division

Matches postponed: Clyde v East Fife; Forfar v Brechin; Partick v Dumbarton.

Second Division

RAITH (1) 3 (Herd 21, 84, Wright 53)
DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 (Campbell 3, Watson 14, 78)
Att: 1,500

STRANRAER (0) 1 (Quinn 69)
MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Campbell 18, Jackson 31)
Att: 250

Matches postponed: Cowdenbeath v Albion; East Stirling v Berwick; Stenhousemuir v Queen of the South; St Johnstone v Stirling.

League Tables

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	29	11	2	2	40	15	7	3	4	27	20	59
Man Utd	28	9	3	2	23	9	2	4	26	17	56	
Liverpool	29	11	4	0	36	11	4	5	5	21	20	54
Chelsea	27	11	1	2	27	14	5	5	3	18	15	54
West Ham	26	9	2	1	28	10	6	4	4	14	14	51
Luton	29	8	5	1	26	8	5	3	7	20	24	47
Nottm F	29	8	2	5	28	20	6	2	6	24	22	46
Arsenal	26	10	3	1	20	9	3	4	5	12	20	46
Sheff Wed	27	8	4	1	24	20	5	3	6	19	22	46
Newcastle	28	7	3	3	25	19	4	6	5	16	24	42
Man City	30	7	5	3	21	16	4	3	8	15	22	41
Watford	27	9	2	2	30	14	2	4	8	16	29	39
Tottenham	28	7	1	6	29	18	3	4	7	10	17	35
Sheff Utd	28	8	3	2	27	11	2	3	10	18	20	34
Q.P.R.	28	8	2	4	20	11	2	1	11	10	31	33
Coventry	29	3	3	8	20	24	5	4	6	16	24	31
Leicester	28	4	7	3	25	22	2	2	10	12	29	27
Oxford	29	5	4	5	23	18	1	4	10	19	39	26
Ipswich	28	4	4	6	13	18	3	1	10	9	22	26
Aston Villa	28	2	6	6	15	18	3	4	7	16	25	25
Birmingham	28	4	1	10	9	17	2	2	9	6	21	21
West Brom	29	2	4	8	13	27	1	3	11	12	38	16

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	29	11	2	1	35	11	7	5	3	25	15	61
Portsmouth	28	10	2	2	29	8	7	2	6	20	15	55
Charlton	26	10	2	1	30	9	4	3	6	20	21	47
Wimbledon	27	9	3	2	27	12	4	3	6	10	16	45
Sheff Utd	28	6	5	3	24	15	6	2	6	23	25	43
C Palace	29	7	2	5	18	17	5	5	5	18	17	43
Hull	28	8	4	3	30	20	3	5	6	18	27	42
Brighton	28	7	4	3	31	20	5	7	18	24	42	
Barnsley	29	8	3	3	20	13	3	5	7	11	17	41
Grimsby	29	9	3	3	28	16	1	5	8	16	27	38
Stoke	28	5	8	1	22	13	4	3	7	16	26	38
Blackburn	28	7	4	2	18	9	2	3	8	15	30	36
Oldham	28	8	2	4	29	24	2	3	9	14	24	35
Shrewsbury	29	8	3	4	22	14	2	2	10	14	31	35
Leeds	30	6	5	5	21	19	4	0	10	17	33	35
Sunderland	29	6	4	5	21	24	3	3	8	11	21	34
Millwall	25	8	0	5	25	15	2	3	7	14	27	33
Bradford	24	8	0	1	19	10	2	3	10	9	25	33
Huddersfield	27	5	6	3	22	18	2	4	15	27	31	31
Middlesbrough	28	5	4	14	13	2	2	10	11	23	28	28
Fulham	24	7	1	5	20	16	1	2	8	5	16	27
Carlisle	27	5	2	7	17	20	0	3	10	9	35	20

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	28	10	2	2	26	16	10	2	2	18	13	64
Gillingham	30	9	3	2	33	11	6	6	4	24	23	54
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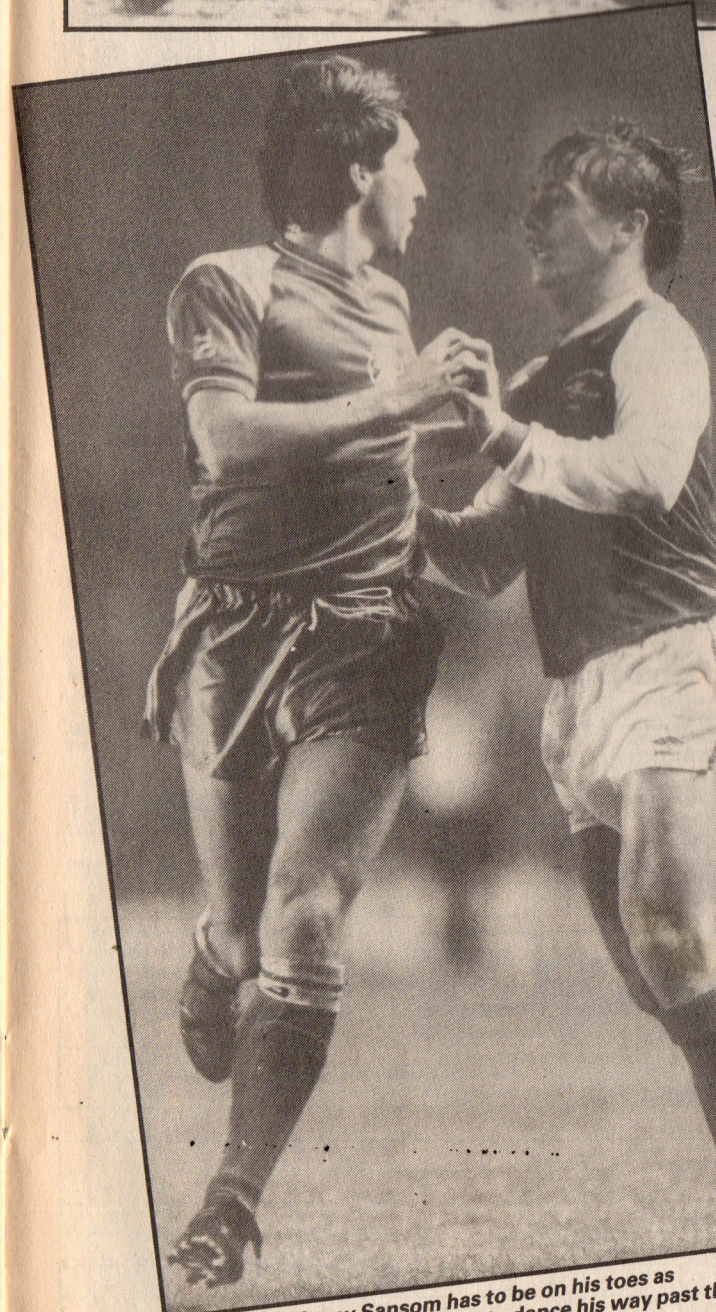
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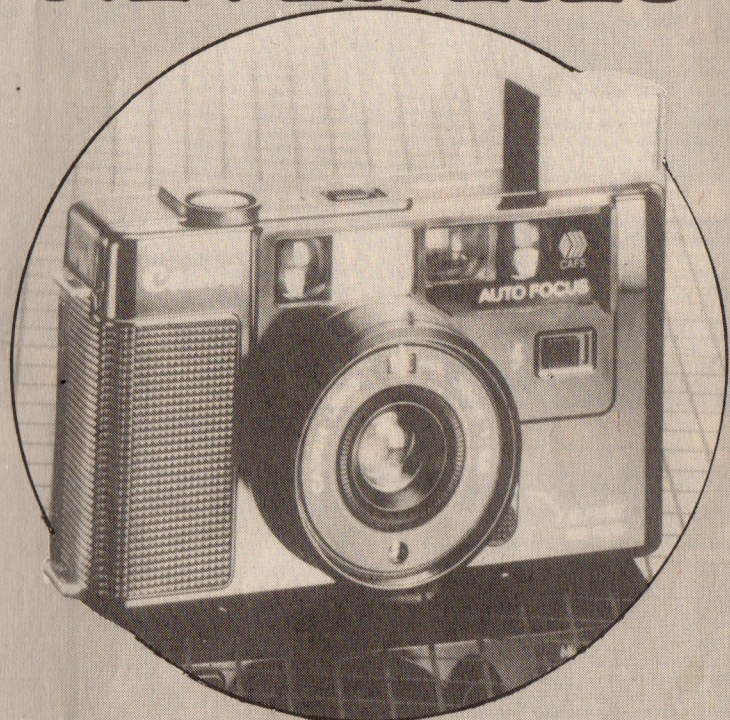


Rangers winger Ted McMinn and Motherwell's Ian MacLeod each claim 'they saw it first' as a 5p piece is thrown onto the pitch.



ARSENAL'S Kenny Sansom has to be on his toes as Birmingham's Ray Ranson tries to dance his way past the 'Gunners' defence.

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WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE ARTICLES OF CLOTHING? Tracksuit bottoms or jeans and a T-shirt.
WHO ARE YOUR MOST FAMOUS FRIENDS OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? Frank Bruno and Bernie Winters.
WHAT SUBJECT DID YOU HATE MOST AT SCHOOL? Modern Studies.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IF YOU COULD BE INVISIBLE FOR A DAY? I'd like to be in the opposing team's dressing room on match day.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF SOMEONE GAVE YOU £50,000 TODAY? I'd say thanks very much!
WHAT IS YOUR CLAIM TO FAME OUTSIDE FOOTBALL?

Scoring 180 for my local darts team — my first and probably my last.
HOW MANY 'O' LEVELS DID YOU GET? One — in woodwork.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET AND WHY? Princess Diana and Selina Scott — I think they are both charming.
WHAT, IF ANYTHING, FRIGHTENS YOU? The thought of being told I've got to pack the game in.
WHAT WAS THE FIRST CAR YOU BOUGHT AND HOW MUCH DID IT COST? An Escort Mk 1 — it cost me £175.
WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE POP STARS? Rod Stewart, Elton John and Midge Ure.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY? Barclays Bank and a meeting with Princess Diana and Selina Scott.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE POSSESSION AT HOME? My wife Carolyn.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF? My generosity.
OUTSIDE FOOTBALL, WHAT IS THE BIGGEST RISK YOU HAVE EVER TAKEN? Skiing in Scotland.
DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES? Golf, walking, swimming, playing snooker and driving.
WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK DO YOU DISLIKE MOST? Sunday

because everything seems to come to a standstill.
IF YOU COULD BE A FLY ON THE WALL, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE? In the manager's office.
IF YOU WERE COMPETING IN MASTERMIND, WHAT WOULD YOUR SPECIALIST SUBJECT BE? Pass!
WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTERS? Tom and Jerry.
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WHICH ACTOR WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE? Richard Gere.
DO YOU HAVE ANY RECURRING DREAMS? Yes — winning the League Championship.

ARTHUR'S STAYING AT DERBY

ARTHUR COX, manager of Third Division promotion chasers Derby, has agreed to a two-year extension on his current contract.

The decision means that the former Newcastle and Chesterfield boss is tied to the Baseball Ground club until 1989.

Wright's weighty woe!

Billy Wright — ordered to fight the flab and then loaned out to Chester.

DEFENDER Billy Wright — dropped and stripped of the Birmingham captaincy for being overweight — has joined Fourth Division promotion-chasers Chester on loan.

New controversial 'Blues' boss John Bond told the former Everton star that he must win the battle of the bulge and then promptly sent him to Sealand Road for a month.

It is the second time the former England Under-21 star has been in trouble over his weight. He lost the skipper's job at Goodison Park for being too heavy.

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Royals' record

READING have splashed out a club record £82,000 for Brentford skipper Terry Hurlock.

And 'Royals' manager Ian Branfoot has warned that the spending spree may not be over. He says: "If the right player comes along we'll go for him. We have been after Terry for some time. He's a cracking capture and proves to the doubters that we aren't content with just Third or even Second Division football at this club."

The 27-year-old made more than 150 League appearances at Griffin Park after costing the club £6,000 from Leytonstone.



Terry Hurlock — snapped up by Reading.

WHO CARES?

Not me, says goal ace Craig



CRAIG MADDEN created a new Bury scoring record when he netted number 125 of his goal-laden career and then admitted: "I'm not bothered if I never get a chance to prove myself in the First Division."

The lower divisions' most prolific scorer (left) — regularly chased by the top clubs — overhauled the club's 51-year-old scoring tally against Bristol City earlier this month.

But still the big guns haven't come in with any real money and he says: "I'm resigned to never getting a chance of playing at the highest level."

"It used to annoy me. When I finished with 35 League goals in 1983 I thought someone might come in for me, but it never happened."

"I'd have loved the chance. My pedigree is good enough. Over the last five seasons I've hit the 20 goals mark regularly."

"Now there's no point worrying," says the 27-year-old, whose two goals against Reading blasted the Gigg Lane side into the FA Cup Fifth Round and a meeting with First Division Watford at Vicarage Road.

● Craig's 125th goal for Bury — his 11th of the League season — beat the Third Division club's record of 124 set by Norman Bullock between 1920-35.

Son shines at Forest

WELL done, son! That's what Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough should be saying to his offspring, Nigel.

The exciting striker has been voted the Fiat Uno 'Young Player of the Month' for January by a panel of top judges including England boss Bobby Robson.

Says the national supremo: "Nigel is a very skilful player — he holds the ball and leads the line well."

Nigel pipped the likes of West Ham's George Parris and Everton starlet Neil Pointon, and Bobby admits: "It's been a really good month for young players — a few have really come to the forefront."

The regional selections were: North East — Paul Gascoigne (Newcastle); North West — Neil Pointon; Yorkshire — Paul Raynor (Huddersfield); London (North) and East Anglia — Jason Dozzell (Ipswich); London (South) and South — George Parris; Wales and West — Roger Freestone (Newport).

● That's my boy! Top dads talk about their sons on Page 5.

Smith moves

OLDHAM boss Joe Royle has signed former Rangers and Brighton striker Gordon Smith from Manchester City for £5,000. The star had been on loan at Boundary Park.

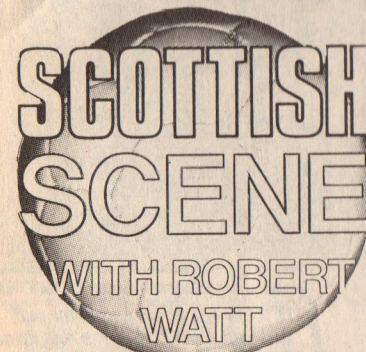
■ SWANSEA won yet another battle for survival... and then offered youngsters a chance to make their dreams come true.

As the Third Division crisis club won a six-week stay of execution in the High Court, player-manager Tommy Hutchison opened his doors to aspiring young players. He has offered trials to any youngsters wishing to make the break into full-time soccer.

WATT'S WHISPERS

● NOBODY could help but be amazed at the Irish logic which led to Jack Charlton being named as manager of Eire... after he had polled only three votes while nine were cast in favour of Bob Paisley.

Think about it, was there ever any chance of Eire being managed by a guy called Paisley?!



THERE have been hints that the Scottish Football Association will handle only 15,000 tickets — half their usual allocation — for the England v Scotland match at Wembley on April 23.

It is suggested it is due to lack of demand from North of the border. Who is kidding who? Thanks to the Government's later-than-late intervention which deprived the fans of last year's trip, the coffers of the countless Wembley savings clubs have been swollen by a further year's savings.

And, knowing of many friends who have made arrangements to have a week off work to coincide with the match, I am confident the 'Tartan Army' will be on the march in its usual numbers come April.

Of course, cynics say the genuine punters seldom get so much as a sniff of the SFA's allocation... and there are not many who will argue with that!

However, regardless of the source of their tickets, the fans are going to have to dig deep to meet the prices recently set by our mutual friend Ted Croker.

Top whack for a stand seat is £25, with other seats coming at £20, £15 and £9, and a place on the terracing costing £6.

Having been saving for this match since 1983, Scottish fans are hardly likely to quibble too much about the prices but, remembering that the meeting is now no more than a trumped-up friendly, the cost of tickets does appear to be somewhat unfriendly.

GARY FITS THE BILL

HEARTS' energetic midfielder Gary Mackay showed his Tynecastle team-mates a clean pair of heels when he scooped a 'Super Fit' award following his club's 3-2 Scottish Cup win over Rangers.

The star's boundless energy earned him the Scottish Health Education's 'Mr Superfit 'Man of the Match' award'.

He's seen here being presented with a special plaque by Health Education Group director Stanley Mitchell (right) and Sandy Finlay, chairman of the Lothian Health Board.

Davie quits

DUMBARTON'S 4-0 defeat at Forfar was the final straw for manager Davie Wilson.

Having seen his team slide from the top of the league to fifth place, the former Rangers and Scotland winger decided it was time to move on and he tendered his resignation.

"Lately things have not been working out well at Boghead," Davie explains. "But I feel the club can still get back into the promotion race and win a place in the Premier Division."

'Bad boy' boss

FORMER soccer 'bad boy' Willie Johnston is set to become a manager.

The tempestuous former West Brom, Rangers and Scotland star — sent off 15 times between January 1969 and March 1983 — is expected to be named as player-manager of Second Division Raith.

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Exeter v Cambridge
Halifax v Port Vale
Stockport v Northampton

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Coventry v Southampton
Leicester v Birmingham
Liverpool v Everton
Man. Utd v West Brom
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West Ham v Man. City

DIVISION TWO

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Carlisle v Hull
Fulham v Blackburn
Grimsby v Barnsley
Middlesbrough v Sheff. Utd
Millwall v C. Palace
Norwich v Huddersfield
Portsmouth v Oldham
Stoke v Charlton
Sunderland v Shrewsbury
Wimbledon v Brighton

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Wigan
Bolton v Newport
Brentford v Lincoln
Bristol C. v York
Cardiff v Blackpool
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Peterborough v Hereford
Preston v Swindon

Rochdale v Burnley
Wrexham v Southend

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Berwick v Stranraer
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Meadowbank v Raith
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Sunday, February 23

DIVISION THREE

Doncaster v Rotherham

Monday, February 24

DIVISION FOUR

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Tuesday, February 25

DIVISION TWO

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DIVISION THREE

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Chesterfield v Plymouth

Darlington v Wolves

DIVISION FOUR

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Northampton v Orient

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BIG LEAGUE SOCCER

* Amstrad

ALMOST as hard as United but much clearer graphics and simpler format. You have a choice of colours and any of 88 teams, and the game tells you the strength of the opposition, which is very useful.

The principles are the same as the other games, but this has up-to-date First Division players available (even if the prices are crazy — only £25,000 for Gary

Bailey!) and more in-built uncertainties, such as injuries and suspensions.

With 42 matches per season, the game is demanding, especially as you have to pick your side from scratch before each match (rather than make changes from the previous match). There are, though, unnecessary errors. Hateley was spelt wrongly, for example. Price £6.95.

THE BOSS

* CBM 64, CBM 16, Amstrad, Spectrum, BBC B, MSX, Electron (also available as CHAMPIONS for the Dragon).



IT'S the age of the computer and this week MATCH — the magazine that is always first with the new ideas — brings you the first of an exclusive two-part guide to the best in football computer games. There are more than 20 different

COMPUTER GAMES MARKET

THIS straightforward game has a 38-game season, plus FA Cup and European matches, and offers certain advantages over its rivals. For example, your club finances are more realistic; they include fines, donations, rate demands, programme sales. I even had to pay £13,000 for riot damage!

Easier to play than most, its faults are that the actual matches are represented only by lists of scorers appearing as the minutes tick away quickly, and that providing you have enough money you can buy any player you want from your next week's opponents, and thus weaken their side. Nevertheless, highly recommended.
Price £6.95 — £8.95.

games based on football and there's bound to be one that will have you hooked. So find out all about them as SIMON INGLIS guides you through the software jungle. * Denotes computers compatible with game.



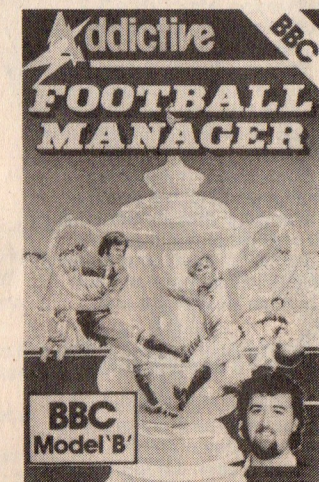
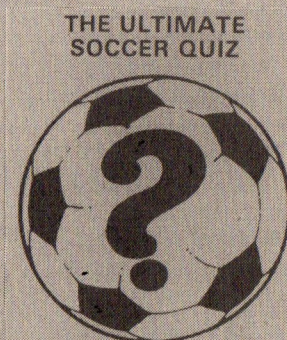
SOCCER

FOOTBALL QUIZZES

THESE packages offer a variety of questions on football past and present. You pit your wits against the computer, but you can also organise tournaments with your friends.

THE ULTIMATE SOCCER QUIZ

* Spectrum



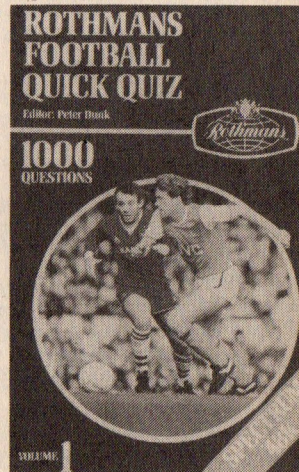
IF there was a Bells Award for managerial computer games, this would be the outright winner. By far the most popular on the market. Football Manager has the advantage of good graphics for the match section (best seen on the CBM 64), although after a few hours playing you'll wish you could fast-forward to the final whistle.

In many ways the game is not as sophisticated as its rivals. Squads have a maximum of 16 players, which with injuries can be a problem. The transfer market gives you very little scope and you have to be really appalling to get sacked.

On the other hand, it is easier to get the hang of this game. Recommended.
Price £5.95 — £7.95.

ROTHMANS FOOTBALL QUICK QUIZ

* Spectrum



ALTHOUGH the version I played was totally mixed up, so that the non-League section was all about the FA Cup and the European questions were all about soccer trivia, I learned a lot from this quiz. Every answer is followed by an explanation or further facts.

You can play against the clock, and up to four people can play in the same quiz.
Price £9.95.

GOOD for brainy youngsters, this straightforward quiz simply gives you five possible answers to every question. There are ten categories, and full marks in any puts you through to a more demanding European section.

Inexplicably, between rounds there are score flashes from a fictitious game between Everton and Spurs.
Price £6.95.

SOFTWARE

ACTION GAMES

THESE are games in which you actually play a simulated game of football, either against the computer or a friend.

BOBBY CHARLTON SOCCER

* BBC B, Electron.

IN two parts; first you select your team according to its strengths and formations, then you play the match. Unfortunately the instructions don't make it clear how to get from one stage to the other (you have to press Q). The match itself is also rather difficult. The ball is tiny, goalkeeping is almost impossible and long-range goals are too easy. But then the game is endorsed by the former England and Manchester United hot-shot Bobby Charlton. He recites his own message of encouragement. A good idea is the chance to join Bobby's Computer Soccer Club.

Price £11.95.



SPOT THE BALL

* Atari

A JOINT package with snooker, for joysticks only, this can be played by one to four people. Graphics are basic and the pitch too long and thin, but the players move up well and after each goal a defender carries the ball back to the centre-spot. Not worth buying an Atari computer especially for this but, if you already have one, it's reasonable value.
Price £9.95.



FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCA

* BBC B, Electron.

NEEDS two players, preferably with joysticks. Each team moves four players at a time, but the ball can only be kicked when in motion so there's no time for resting. Ricochets off the sides are fast and unpredictable, so you must also be very quick. Could it be a training aid for Sheffield Wednesday? A good basic game with no frills.

Price £1.99.



INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

* CBM 64 (also in 64 mode on Commodore 128).

TOP of the league without question! Simple to use, it has the clearest 3-D graphics, offers the closest control and the most options. You can change your 5team colours (although it's a shame that both teams play in black shorts), and choose one of nine skill levels (start at one). Players head the ball and the ball bounces with a convincing thud. Another strong point is the facility to make your 'keeper dive about the goal. This was the only action game I wanted to play for more than 20 minutes, yet the designer, Andrew Spencer, apparently knew nothing about football apart from what he read in a rule book! World-wide sales of the game top quarter of a million. Highly recommended.
Price £14.99 (cartridge only).

GLENN HODDLE SOCCER

* Amstrad.

WELL-DESIGNED game for joystick only with clear instructions. You choose length of game, skill levels and whether or not you want computer aid. Movement tends to be up and down more than diagonal, and I found it too easy to score own goals and walk the ball into the net. Also, the goalies don't wear different coloured shirts. Best with two players and worth considering.
Price £8.95 cassette or £12.95 disc.



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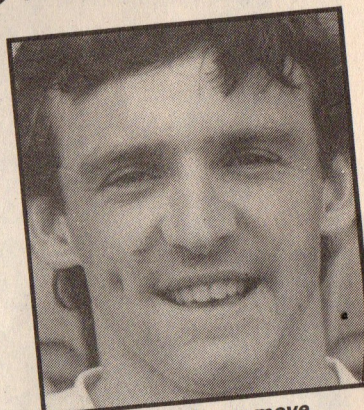
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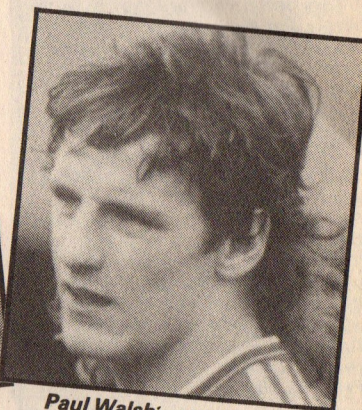
CHINESE legend has it, that hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, the Buddha gave a party for all the animals of his kingdom.

Only 12 turned up and the Buddha rewarded them by giving each a year and decreeing that all people born in that year would inherit the animals' characteristics. And on February 10, 1986 we entered the 'Year of the Tiger'.

MATCH investigates the effect of Eastern astrology on the fortunes of our footballing stars ... and leaves you to make up your own mind.



Paul Allen — dream move.



Paul Walsh — overlooked.

THIS COULD BE... THE

TIGERS' FORTUNES

MATCH spotlights a few of football's 'Tigers' and analyses their lucky year ...

TERRY GIBSON

STILL celebrating a 'dream' move from Coventry to Manchester United following a good season for goals at Highfield Road. And there may be more to savour in the shape of a Championship medal come May.

DUNCAN SHEARER

INJURIES and suspension in the Chelsea camp have finally given Duncan his big break in the first team and that could lead to an extended run or even a move which would guarantee first team action.

PAUL WALSH

SO FAR overlooked by England boss Bobby Robson as a possible late call-up for Mexico, but don't back against it. Enjoying a great season at Liverpool where he has struck up a fine partnership with Ian Rush and a great chance of 'double' honours in League and Cup.

STEVE HODGE

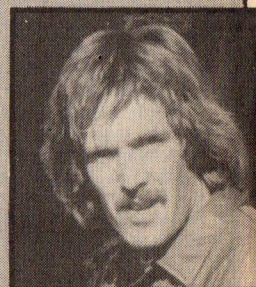
ENJOYING a fine year personally following a move to Aston Villa from Nottingham Forest at the back end of 1985. Every chance of a place in the England squad and still on course for a Wembley appearance with Villa in the Milk Cup.

PHIL PARKES

ENJOYING one his best seasons for years ... and so are West Ham as they string together their most effective Championship challenge for a long time.

PAUL ALLEN

ENJOYED a dream move to join cousin Clive at Tottenham in the close season, and while the first half of the season can hardly be described as a great success, this year could see him fulfil his real potential.



Phil Parkes — best season.



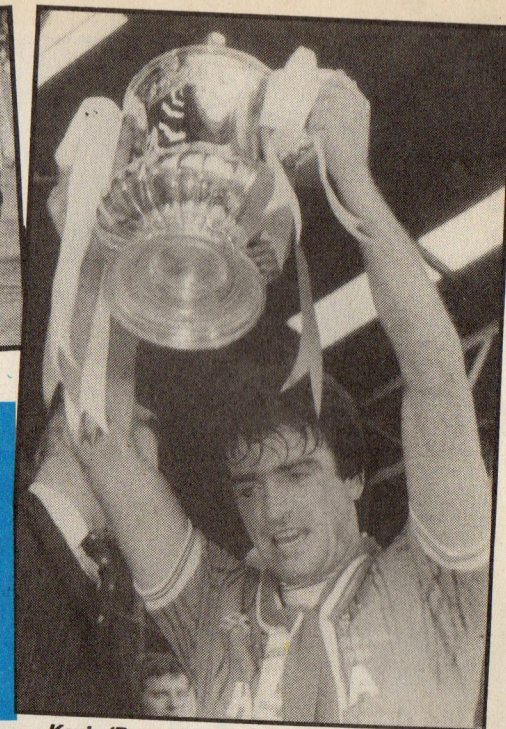
Spurs lift the FA Cup in the 'Year of the Cockerel'.

WHAT'S IN A YEAR?

- LAST year it was the 'Year of the Buffalo' and 'Buffalo' John Clayton of Tranmere was the League's joint top scorer with 31 goals!
- IN 1923 it was the 'Year of the Pig' and Bolton — nicknamed the 'Trotters' — went on to win the FA Cup!
- NORWICH skipper Dave Watson lifted the Milk Cup in 1985 in his year — the 'Year of the Buffalo'.

- IPSWICH, whose club crest features the horse, upset all the odds to beat Arsenal in the 1978 FA Cup Final ... in the 'Year of the Horse'!

- SCOTTISH striker Graeme Sharp scored Everton's opening goal and picked up an FA Cup winners' medal against Watford in the 'Year of the Rat' ... his Chinese star sign.



Kevin 'Ratty' Ratcliffe lifts the FA Cup in the 'Year of the Rat'.

TIGERS' YEAR

Stories
by
PAUL
STRATTON



Gary Swann — lucky year.

IN 1981 it was the 'Year of the Rooster' ... and the White Hart Lane cockerel was crowing as Spurs lifted the FA Cup.

In 1984 it was the 'Year of the Rat' ... and it was Ratty himself (alias Everton skipper Kevin Ratcliffe) who led the 'Toffeeemen' to Wembley glory.

And in 1985 it was the 'Year of the Buffalo' ... and Oxford United, whose club emblem depicts an ox, were promoted to Division One for the first time in their history.

FOLLOW THE SIGNS

YOUR sign ... and your lucky years. Simply find the year you were born and read across for your sign.

RAT	1948	1960	1972	1984
BUFFALO	1949	1961	1973	1985
TIGER	1950	1962	1974	1986
CAT	1951	1963	1975	1987
DRAGON	1952	1964	1976	1988
SNAKE	1953	1965	1977	1989
HORSE	1954	1966	1978	1990
GOAT	1955	1967	1979	1991
MONKEY	1956	1968	1980	1992
ROOSTER	1957	1969	1981	1993
DOG	1958	1970	1982	1994
PIG	1959	1971	1983	1995

Coincidence? Maybe. But who is to say that the 'Tigers' of Hull City will not have something to celebrate at the end of the season, in this, the 'YEAR OF THE TIGER'.

And if they do, could it be — just like Oxford last year — that they have made club history by achieving First Division Soccer?

Sixth in Division Two with 14 matches to play, Hull obviously have a bit of catching up to do on the leaders.

But with a bit of Eastern astrology on their side, anything can happen.

And defender Gary Swann — a 'Tiger' through and through due to the fact he was born in 1962 (see table left) — is set to play a major role in what is his special year.

When MATCH contacted him and suggested it might be that the stars are on his side, Gary said: "I just hope the Chinese have got it right!"

CLOSE THE GAP

"It's not anything I've really thought about but we can all do with a little help from time to time.

"I certainly believe we are good enough to go up this season and there are plenty of matches left for us to close the gap on the top clubs.

"It's up to us to go out there and prove it."



BACK ROW (left to right): Mark Wright, Terry Fenwick, Mark Hateley, Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens, Gary Lineker.
FRONT ROW: Gordon Cowans, Kenny Sansom, Danny Wallace, Ray Wilkins, Trevor Steven.

ENGLAND

IN EGYPT

